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LONDON STRIKE FADE-OUT?

HAIYUAN WRECK IN NO DANGER

SALVAGE WHEN WEATHER ABATES

Though dreary weather and an unusually strong current flowing through Capsuimun Pass are hampering salvage operations on the China Merchants s.s. Haiyuan, which was wrecked shortly before dawn yesterday on Cap Sing Island, the "China Mail" understands that there is practically no fear of the Haiyuan becoming a total loss.

As soon as the weather moderates attempts to pull her off the rocks will be made, with, it is believed, excellent prospects.

Divers are now working round the ship, attempting to discover the full nature of the damage and it is understood that their preliminary reports show that except for one gaping hole, the vessel escaped comparatively lightly considering all the circumstances.

The owners, the China Merchants S. N. Company, state that the vessel is "in good condition and will be refloated. There is no danger of her sinking."

The Taikoo tug and a police launch are standing-by.

VIOLENT STORMS IN ENGLAND

London, To-day. Violent storms with thunder and lightning were experienced in many parts of Southern England early yesterday morning when exceptionally heavy rain caused flooding in several localities.

Heaviest rainfall is reported from Woodbridge in Suffolk where, in about three hours, 1½ inches fell.—British Wireless.

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*Mr. Ernest Bevin Meets Leaders***Union Executive To Debate Transport Situation**

London, To-day.

The coal situation has taken a further turn for the better.

A conference yesterday between representatives of the Nottinghamshire coal owners, the Nottinghamshire District Miners Industrial Union and the Mineworkers' Federation, under the chairmanship of the Secretary for Mines, agreed that further meetings should be held to discuss terms of amalgamation of the industrial union and the miners' association, all parties having accepted the principle of amalgamation.

The Secretary for Mines has nominated a neutral chairman to conduct future meetings, and the first meeting will be held on Monday.

It was further agreed yesterday that the men at Harworth Colliery should be re-engaged as soon as the agreed terms of amalgamation have been ratified by the delegate conference of the two unions.

In the meantime, the owners of the Harworth mines have agreed not to engage further men.—Reuter.

THE BUS STRIKE

Committee Meets Mr. Bevin

London, To-day.

The situation in regard to the London omnibus strike, which enters upon its fourth week to-day was reviewed yesterday when the Central Committee of the Transport Workers Union met Mr. Ernest Bevin, General Secretary of the Union. The position was examined in the light of the refusal by the tram and trolley bus men to call a sympathetic strike in response to the request of the Central Bus Committee. The National Executive of the Union had twice voted against such an extension of dispute. At the conclusion of the conference with Mr. Bevin, it was stated that all aspects of the dispute had been discussed and the situation examined in every detail.

No final conclusion was reached and the matter will be further considered to-day. It is reported that the Executive Council of the Union had been summoned to meet to-day. A more hopeful view of the prospects of the early settlement is now entertained.—British Wireless.

FOUR DIE IN FIRE IN KOWLOON

Four inmates of No. 23, Sai To Road, Kowloon City, three elderly women and a boy of nine, met tragic ends in the early hours of this morning when fire broke out on the premises and engulfed the building.

The four victims of the fire were all sleeping in the cockloft on the ground floor where the outbreak occurred and they were apparently overwhelmed without hope of escape.

One of the women, Chan Ah-ho was 62 years of age. The other two, Yip Po and Yip Sau-ying were apparently sisters.

DIED IN BEDS

Their bodies were found burnt almost beyond recognition in circumstances suggesting that they died in their beds.

Inmates of the upper floors all escaped without injury.

The fire started at about 3.50 a.m., quickly involved the first and second floors of the building and then spread to the first and second floors of No. 21, Sai To Road. All these floors were gutted before the fire was extinguished.



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FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY

TO-MORROW
MON. : "SWING HIGH, SWING LOW"

FOREIGN AIR THREAT TO JAPAN

A "potential threat" to Japanese commercial expansion in China was seen by Count Hideo Kodama, Japanese Minister of Communications, in the foreign-managed airlines of China.

Addressing a meeting of provincial governors, Count Kodama drew the attention of his audience to the extension of British, American, French and German airlines to the Far East and, particularly, their recent activities in China.

To Have Air Ministry

Creation of a Ministry of Aviation in the near future was predicted by Count Kodama on his return to Tokyo from a tour of Kwansai.

"I am devoting all my time," he said, "to formulating suitable plans, in close collaboration with the Army and the Navy."

Following the study of the bill by the newly-formed National Planning Board, it will be submitted for approval to the extraordinary session of the Diet in August, he added.

WEAKNESS OF U.S. ARMY

Big Shortage Of Modern Weapons

Washington, The urgent need of the American army for modern weapons was emphasised to-day, when the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee approved the War Department Appropriation Bill. This provides \$83,000,000 for military activities during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938.

This sum represents an increase of more than \$5,000,000 compared with the current fiscal year, but it is \$71,000 less than the Budget estimate.

"Unless there is to be an appreciably larger allocation to the military arm in future Budgets," the committee reported, "our defence preparation very largely will consist of man-power virtually unprepared to offer resistance to any force equipped with modern offensive weapons."

According to statements made to the committee during hearings on the bill there is a serious shortage of semi-automatic rifles, of which the Army has a very small supply, considerable shortage of anti-aircraft guns, and a lack of modern carriages for 75mm. guns.

There is also a pressing need for tanks, ammunition and transport equipment. This situation, it was pointed out to-day, has existed since the world war, and is not regarded as a cause for immediate alarm.

"Extremely Disturbing"

Nevertheless, the committee characterised it as being "extremely disturbing," and declared, "Unless funds are forthcoming without stint it would seem there has to be a deferral of personnel expansion and perhaps contraction. There would be no other way to arrive at a balance as between personnel and material."

The Appropriation Bill provides £2,000,000 for the Army Air Corps which by June 30, 1937, will have 902 serviceable planes and 740 on order. During the coming fiscal year 465 new machines will be ordered and during the ensuing year 546, bringing the total number of serviceable planes to more than 2,000 by June, 1940.

Flying Duchess's Body Found

London, To-day. The mystery surrounding the disappearance of the 72 year-old Duchess of Bedford, known as the "Flying Duchess," who failed to return from a solo flight over the flooded Fenn district several weeks ago, is believed to have been solved by the finding of a female corpse by the Hampton in the Channel near Dover.

The corpse had obviously been in the water for a long period but clothing was well preserved and gave fairly conclusive proof that the body was that of the Duchess of Bedford.—Trans-ocean.

LARGE SUM IS EMBEZZLED FROM B. & S. CHANGSHA OFFICE LOOTED BEARER CHECK DRAWN

Wanted for robbing the Butterfield and Swire offices at Changsha of more than \$83,000, two former employees of that concern, Hsu Suy-iwa and Liang Yo-chow, are reported to be heading in the general direction of Shanghai, where the police have been asked by the Changsha authorities to keep an eye out for them and arrest them on sight.

The pair, both young men and both married, was employed in the compradore's office of the shipping concern up to May 1 of this year when they made their sudden departure for far-away parts.

Request Holiday

On that day, it was revealed in Shanghai, they went to the chief compradore and announced that they wanted to spend the week-end in a small town some 30 miles distant. Would the boss be kind and let them have the day off? They would return to work on Monday, they promised.

Their chief gave his consent and the two men left the office. That was the last that was seen of them. When Monday, May 3, arrived, they were absent. Nor did they show up the following day.

Worried, Butterfield and Swire officials decided to examine the books. They found themselves exactly \$83,506.60 out of pocket.

Because of the fact that the two men were employed in the compradore's office, they had access to the safe. Besides some cash amounting to \$3,506.60, the strong-box contained a bearer check drawn on the Bank of China branch at Changsha for \$36,000.

Check Cash Missing

The check, when the safe was examined, was missing. So was the cash. The books showed that \$3,506.60 had been collected but there was no money on hand.

Officials immediately called at the branch office of the Bank of China and were informed by the cashier that the check had been cashed Saturday morning by a person whom he, nor none of his assistants, could accurately describe.

The Changsha Bureau of Police was called in one the case and detectives, after a short investigation, learned the two men did not go to the neighbouring town for the week-end but proceeded to Hankow with two sing-song girls. The wanted men had told friends, it was learned, that they were bound for Shanghai.

It was further discovered that the men had deserted their wives and the latter have appealed to the Changsha courts to bring them back and not only charge them with larceny but with desertion.

During February Imperial Airways' machines flew 350,667 miles, compared with 306,141 in the corresponding month last year, and receipts were £142,840, against £130,558.

THE WORLD GOES BY

I'VE always been an enthusiastic admirer of Sapper's Hugh Drummond.

The way that boy handles his fists is a treat.

Another admirer has sent me this paragraph from the book "Challenge," in which Drummond does some more excellent work.

"It was then that Drummond went berserk. With one glorious uppercut he broke the jaw of the man behind him, and the fight began."

* * *

Emmerich Antalius was chucked by his girl.

She told him that she could love him no more.

Emmerich bought five gramophones, five records and a gun. He then went to his room, started the five gramophones, put on the records (which were all the same song) and listened to the first verse.

Then he shot himself.

The gramophones were still playing when they found him and the time was:—

"There's only one girl in the world."

* * *

I take a morbid interest in that peculiar type of person who spends his time eating nails, spoons and practically any form of scrap iron that may be lying about.

The latest champion in this line of business is now lying in the Schaefering Hospital, Austria. His trouble was that he couldn't resist eating:—

Eight spoon handles.

Seven 4in. nails.

Two large screws.

Four hooks.

One small screwdriver and

Two ounces of paper clips.

Every man to his taste, I suppose.

* * *

I read that America's smallest railway, the Middleburg and Schomarie, has been sold for £2,500. The railway line was just five and a half miles long and was used mainly for carrying farm and fruit produce.

The locomotives will now be broken up and used as scrap metal.

This of course is contrary to usual practices, where aged engines are retired into quiet sidings and given a few trucks to play with.

* * *

The news that boys had invited their music master to conduct their mouth-organ band has been welcomed by the Headmasters Conference, but the Government is maintaining at present an attitude of benevolent neutrality.

"You see," said Miss Beryl Busy, O.B.E., of the Ministry of Interference, to me, yesterday, "while masters are naturally older than their pupils, some of them are unfortunately lighthearted, and we must guard against a roguish master—for instance—suddenly sucking a lemon while conducting a mouth-organ band. The effect would be disastrous on serious-minded, modern youth."

"Irresponsibility," she continued,

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG BROADCASTS

ADDRESS IN NANKING

Speaking to the entire nation through the Central Broadcasting Station in Nanking at 8 o'clock on May 14. Sir Robert Ho Tung, the noted business magnate in Hong Kong, declared that after half a century's vicissitudes of which he himself had been an anxious witness, the whole people of China have at last become conscious of the need for national unity.

Summarising his observations during the past 50 years, the 75-year old financial wizard of Hong Kong said he was glad to note that definite efforts are being made in China for national reconstruction. Great strides, he declared, have been made along the paths of financial and industrial development in this country.

Sir Robert referred to the adoption of the managed currency system by the National Government, which he characterised as having conferred incalculable benefits within and without the country.

Rail Bonds Recover

China's national credit, Sir Robert said, has shown remarkable strength in the last few years. This was due to a great extent to the progress of Chinese railway construction, which has had a bullish effect on the price of railway bonds, some of which have risen manifold compared with what they were five years ago.

Continuing, Sir Robert said he was convinced the National Government is devoting its attention to improving the daily life of the people. He referred to the many important reforms made during recent months in Kwangtung, including the eradication of opium smoking and gambling evils, as shining examples of what the Government authorities have taken upon themselves for alleviating the distress of the people.

Great Hope For Future

The international position of China, Sir Robert was glad to say, has been raised, because of her own conscientious effort to become a modern nation and to rely upon her own strength for her national reconstruction and for the defence of her territories.

Concluding, Sir Robert said if continued efforts are made by the Chinese nation as they have been in recent years, there is surely glowing hope for the future.

British Ambassador's Secretary Wed

Mr. Walter Graham, personal secretary to Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, and Miss Alice Swan were married in a ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Peck in the American Embassy, in Nanking.

The Rev. John Magee officiated at the ceremony.

Mr. Iver Mackay served as the best man and Mrs. Hall Paxton as the maid of honour. Mr. Peck gave the bride away.

After 17 years' service in Malta, North-West Frontier of India, Egypt and the Sudan, the 2nd Bn. Essex Regt. has arrived in England.

Two hundred pigs were rescued when fire broke out in a barn near Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire but nine returned to the building and were burned to death.

Major C. B. Grace, son of W. G. Grace, the famous cricketer, captained a Hawkhurst, Kent, fifteen against Frank Woolley's Kent eleven at Hawkurst.

"Widespread among the older generation. Only this morning one of my most earnest young typists complained that a very senior official had placed beneath the cushion of her chair a balloon, which exploded as she sat down.

"So we must all," she concluded brightly, "be on our guard."

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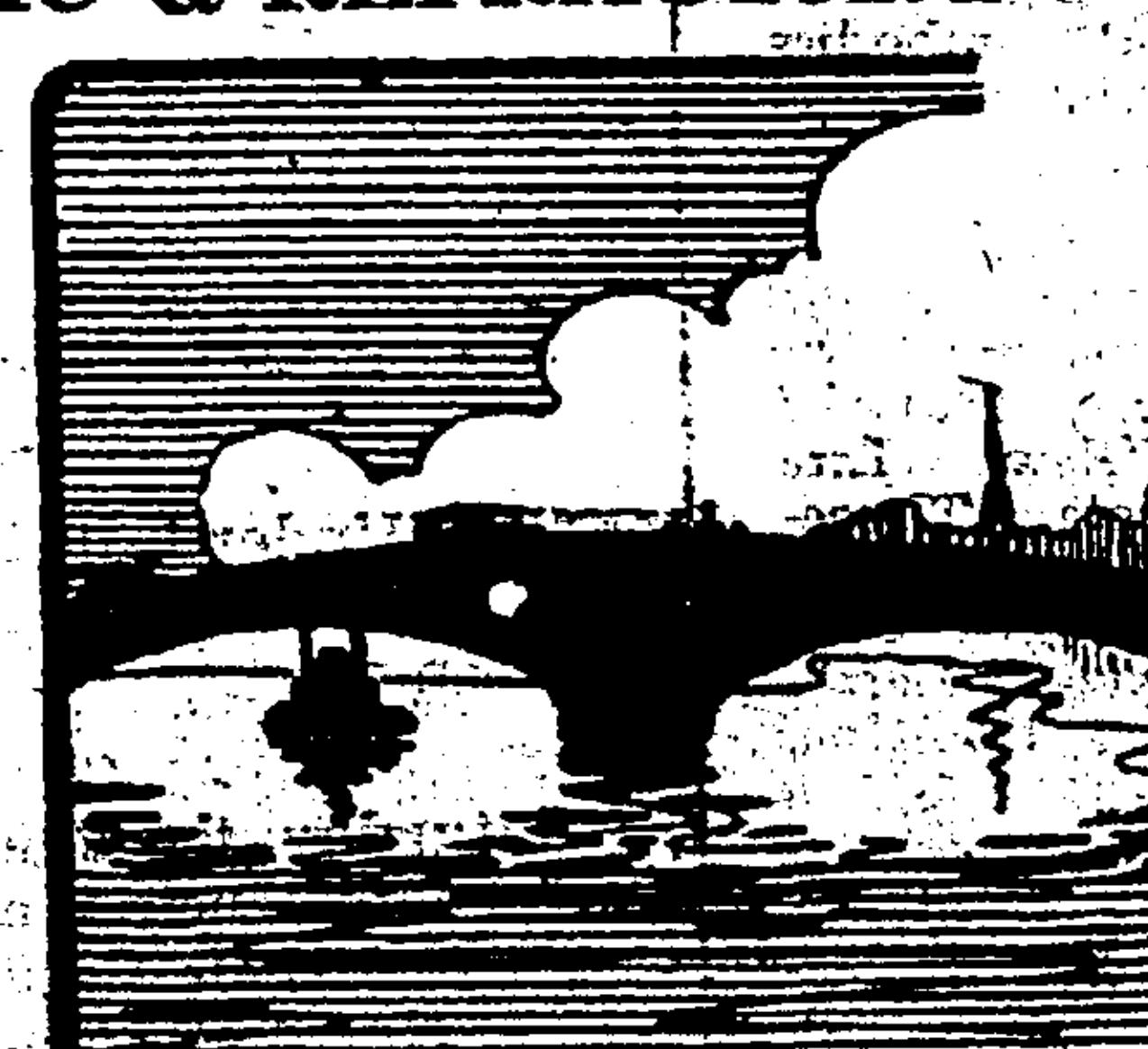
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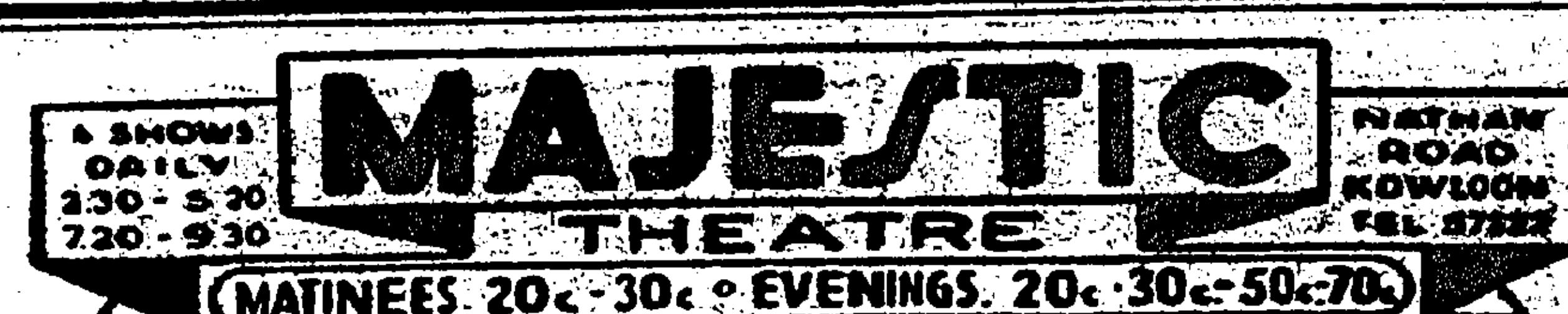
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SCHOOL PLEADS FOR SACKED HEAD WANT HIM BACK

Head boy of Scarborough College has issued a circular letter to parents, protesting against the dismissal of the headmaster, Mr. A. R. Woolley, at the end of last term.

There are 140 boys at this privately-owned school. The letter reads:

"Representing the boys of this college, I am writing to put before you our views on the departure of Mr. Woolley, our headmaster. No doubt you have heard that he is not to be with us next term, and we are anxious to be assured that he has received fair treatment at the hands of his employers."

"We have absolute faith in his guidance and we see no possible reason whatever for the Governors to take the course they have. He has our entire respect, honour and trust, and we feel that in the interests of a possible successor some real and genuine reason should be given for his leaving."

In Charge Four Years

"Our views are that he should be reinstated immediately."

Mr. Woolley has been in charge of the school for four years, succeeding its first headmaster, Mr. Percy Armstrong, who was head for about thirty-five years.

Following the boy's letter, a number of parents held a meeting, but no statement has been issued.

The chairman of the Governor, Mr. G. K. G. Pindar, said that the Governors were responsible for running the school, and it was ridiculous that the boys or their parents should try to act as judge and jury.

A successor for Mr. Woolley had not yet been found, he added, and next term Mr. H. W. Pegg, head of the preparatory school, would act as master in charge.

SAVIOUR OF THE R.A.F. IN GREAT WAR

Found Gassed In Bedroom

At a critical period of the war, when the German aeroplanes were outpacing our own, a young racing motorist designed a high efficiency plug and so permitted the employment of high-speed engines.

The plug became famous and is known all over the world by his initials.

The man who rendered this signal service to his country was Mr. Kenelm Lee Guinness. He was found gassed in his bedroom at Kingston Hill, Kingston-on-Thames.

Mr. Guinness, who was forty-nine, was younger brother of Sir Algernon Lee Guinness and heir presumptive to the baronetcy. His marriage to Miss Josephine Straughan was dissolved last year.

Many consider that "K. L. G." was the greatest race driver of all time. He taught Sir Henry Segrave, and one of the boys in his early racing camp was Freddie Dixon.

Twelve years ago he was severely injured in a crash at San Sebastian.

A number of the policemen on duty in outlying districts of Aberdeen are to be equipped with pocket wireless sets.

BOY ACCUSED OF KILLING FATHER

"Finest Thing I Have Ever Done"

STATEMENT AFTER ATTACK

When a Hackney boy, aged 16, was charged at Bow-street yesterday with the murder of his father, it was alleged that he told a neighbour: "It is the finest thing I have ever done in my life."

The boy, who appeared before Mr. R. E. Dummett in the chief magistrate's private room, was committed for trial. He pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence.

Mr. Clayton, prosecuting, said that the dead man had been employed since 1934 as cellarman at a public house, and lived away from home except on Thursdays.

The boy's mother, said Mr. Clayton, stated that her husband came home in a very drunken state on April 23, and started "rowing" with her and the boy.

Later the man ran at his wife, and was going to strike her. The boy picked up a bottle of milk and struck his father a violent blow on the head, knocking him down.

Five Or Six Blows

Mr. Clayton said that a neighbour who looked through a glass partition saw the boy bending over his father with a knife in his hand. The boy said: "Which side is his heart? I know."

Before the neighbour could pull the boy away he struck five or six blows on the man's chest. Then he kicked his father in the face.

The wife of the neighbour came in, and said to the boy: "What have you done?" and the boy replied, "Killed him, I hope. It is the finest deed I have ever done in my life or ever likely to. The swine went for her and I went for him."

In a statement to a police officer, said Mr. Clayton, the boy said:

"I understand he started on mother, and I hit him with a milk bottle. That did not seem to have any effect, and I hit him with my fist. That did not have much effect, but he fell down in the passage."

"I ran back into the passage and picked up my sheath-knife and stabbed him three times, I think."

"He was still gurgling, so I got a poker from the kitchen and struck him on the head about half a dozen times. To show my respect for him, I kicked him."

Always Hated Him

"All the time I have lived I have hated him. He has been a brute. I remember standing up in bed as a child and saying, 'I will kill that man.'"

The boy's mother, giving evidence, described her husband's conduct at home as "quarrelling and using filthy language."

"It only goaded him if I answered," she said. "He had threatened to kill both me and my son."

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the pathologist, stated that a post-mortem examination showed that there were six stab wounds on the chest, four of which had penetrated the heart. There were lacerated wounds which could have been caused by a poker. Part of the head was fractured.

Div. Det.-Insp. Powell said that everybody spoke highly of the boy at his place of work. He won a London County Council scholarship and attended a technical institute.

Sam Smy, who has died at Oxford, Suffolk, aged 91, had been Oxford's town crier for 71 years, and claimed to be the oldest crier in England.

**Talk From London
Of Empire:
Responsibilities**

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety and Dance Music.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.-12 midnight—European Programme.
7 p.m.—London—Responsibilities of Empire. 5. A Talk by Sir Zafrulla Khan, Member of the Executive Council of the Governor-General of India.
7.15 p.m.—A Pianoforte Recital by Alfred Cortot.
"Rigoletto"—Paraphrase de Concert (Verdi; arr. Liszt).
Jeux d'Eau (The Fountain), (Ravel).
7.30 p.m.—Hong Kong Stock Exchange Summary and Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra. Scenes Pittoresques (Massenet)—Fetes Boheme, Angelus. The Golden Valse (arr. Winter). Everybody's Songs (arr. Geehl).
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

BRIDGE NOTES

Sneaking A Trick

The key to success in many hands is "sneaking through" one vital trick before the establishment of the main body of tricks is attempted. The time to do this is before the defenders have had opportunity to appraise exactly the declarer's resources. In to-day's hand, played in a recent duplicate match, the declarer first manoeuvred himself into a bad contract (because he was aiming at a top score) and then virtually "laid down" and conceded defeat by weak play of the cards.

South, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

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| S | A | Q | J | 3 |
| H | 8 | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| D | 4 | | | |
| C | J | 9 | 3 | 2 |

WEST

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| S | K | 9 | 8 | 2 |
| H | K | 9 | | |
| D | Q | J | 10 | 7 |
| C | 10 | 5 | 6 | |

EAST

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|---|---|----|---|
| S | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| H | Q | 10 | |
| D | 9 | 8 | 3 |
| C | A | 8 | 7 |

SOUTH

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| S | 10 | 7 | | | |
| H | A | J | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| D | A | K | 5 | | |
| C | K | Q | 4 | | |

The bidding:

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|-----------|------|--------|------|
| South | West | North | East |
| 1 H | 1 S | Double | Pass |
| Pass | 2 D | 2 H | 3 D |
| 3 no tr'p | Pass | 4 H | Pass |
| 4 no tr's | Pass | Pass | Pass |

In one sense, South's bidding was not so bad because, with the responses he had had from his partner, he was justified in feeling that a slam was possible. He visualised North's hand to be much as it was, except that he expected a high honour in the heart suit. But if that were his feeling he should have approached the slam through different channels. His four no trump bid was not conventional under the circumstances. From North's point of view it showed merely a desire to play the hand at no trump, since scoring was on a match-point basis. Had South bid five hearts North would have passed.

Today's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. 845 k.c's : : : ZEK 640 k.c's.

8.03 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
Piano Solo—Popular Hits—No. 2. Patricia Rossborough.
Orchestra—"Balalaika" Selection. New Mayfair Orchestra.
Tric—Looking for you. Albert Sandler (Violin), Olive Groves (Soprano) and Jean Melville at the Piano.
Vocal—"Soft Lights and sweet music." Austin Croome-Johnson.
Humorous—Albert comes back. Stanley Holloway.
Cinema Organ—Night must fall. Free. Quentin M. MacLean.
Sketch—Sun Bathing. Jane Carr (Impressionist).
Band—Swing Along—Selection. Debroy Somers Band.
Humorous—

By ELY CULBERTSON

ed and that contract would have been a laydown with the good breaks that were found. At four no trump declarer was highly uncomfortable when he saw the dummy.

The opening lead was the diamond queen, won by the ace. Count of tricks disclosed three in spades (if the king were on-side), two diamonds and four hearts if the suit could be brought home, with only one loser. Moreover, it would be vital to lose no more than one heart trick, since declarer had only one diamond stopper after he had won the first lead. The tenth trick, therefore, had to be in clubs and, moreover, it had to be "sneaked through."

As actually played the declarer laid down the ace and another heart. West won the second with the king and continued with diamonds. Declarer won and rattled off three more heart tricks, on which West discarded two clubs and one diamond. The spade finesse was successful, but now, when a club was led from dummy, East could tell that the diamond suit was established and, therefore, hopped up with his ace and returned a diamond. Two tricks in the latter suit defeated the contract.

Shrewd play would have had quite a different result. Declarer, at the second trick, should have led a low spade and taken the finesse, then led dummy's jack of clubs so that if East had the ace he would be deluded into thinking declarer was attempting a club finesse. It would take a pretty good player in East's position to put up the ace on the jack and, unless this were done, ten tricks would become a laydown. North-South's score would not have been good even if they had made four no trump (680 points), because five hearts (650 points) were made at most tables, but at least it would have saved them from a zero score.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: My partner opened the bidding with one club. Next hand passed. What should be my response? I hold: S K J 8 H J 9 4 D J 8 6 4 3 C 5 3.

Answer: One diamond.

**Memories:
Some
Old Songs**

Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.
Drury Lane Pantomime Memories. Columbia Light Opera Company.
9.30 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.55 p.m.—Pablo Casals (Cello) and Richard Crooks (Tenor).
"Cello Solo—Toccata in G Major—Adagio (Bach).
Tenor Solo—I love thee (Grieg).
Cello Solo—Vito (Spanish Dance), (Popper).
Tenor Solo—Mother o' mine (Tours).
Cello Solo—Moment Musical (Schubert).
Tenor Solo—The green hills of Ireland (Del Riego).
10.15 p.m.—London—Big Ben. A Relay of Dance Music from the Grill-Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.
12 midnight—Close down.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"Swing High And Swing Low", A romantic comedy co-starring lovely Carole Lombard and dashing Fred MacMurray — a festival of song and music — of mirth and laughter.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"The Charge Of The Light Brigade", Warner Brothers' stupendous production suggested by the immortal poem of Lord Tennyson, with an all-star cast headed by Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland, and over fifteen thousand extras.

AT THE KING'S—"Three Men On A Horse", with Frank McHugh, Joan Blondell and Guy Kibbee. A hilarious comedy taken from the successful Broadway play. Ran for two years in New York and a year in London.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"The Longest Night", with Robert Young, Florence Rice, Ted Healy and Julie Haydon. Mystery, with an added element of romance and humour, provides the highlights of this picture, and incidents following one upon another in bewildering succession combine to build a great story.

AT THE STAR—"Smartest Girl In Town", with Gene Raymond, Ann Sothern, Helen Broaderick and Eric Blore. Delightful humour is combined with a fast-moving plot to give the fullest play to the versatile talents of one of the screen's most popular romantic teams.

COMING PICTURES

"Mind Your Own Business."—With Charles Ruggles, Alice Brady, Lyle Talbot, Benny Baker and Frankie Darro. The tale of a nature writer who has bees in his bonnet as well as his column and a wife who gets him into a tangle that it takes a general alarm to unravel. Coming to the Queen's.

"Pennies From Heaven"—with Bing Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fellows and Louis Armstrong. The gayest fun-show of the new season. Coming to the King's.

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"John Meade's Woman"—a powerful story starring Edward G. Arnold and Francine Laramore. Coming to the Queen's and Alhambra.

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"On The Avenue"—with songs by Irving Berlin—a sparkling musical production with a stellar cast of entertainers, including Dick Powell and Madeleine Carroll. Coming to Queen's.

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"Mama Steps Out"—A girl whom her mother hopes will marry a cultured foreigner elopes with an American crooner. Starring Stanley Morner and Betty Furness. Coming to the King's.

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"Mr. Cinderella", with Jack Haley, Betty Furness, Arthur Treacher and Raymond Walburn. A barber follows the movements of Society people through gossip columns, idolises a Society beauty though he has never seen her, and eventually marries her. Coming to the Oriental.

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"The Lost Horizon", with Ronald Colman, Jane Wyatt, H. B. Warner, Margo and Edward Everett Horton. A story of adventure, romance danger and glamour, acclaimed as one of the outstanding productions of the year. Coming to the Oriental.

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"After The Thin Man," — with Myrna Loy as Nora Charles, epitome of the sophisticated modern wife who assists her famous husband William Powell in ferreting out crimes against a San Francisco background. Coming to the King's.

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"Banjo on My Knee."—With Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea, Helen Westley, Buddy Ebsen, Walter Catlett, Katherine de Mille and Anthony Martin. A thrill musical, depicting the tragicomedy that is the life story of the river-boat people on the Mississippi. Coming to the Queen's.

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KING'S MESSAGE TO THE NAVY

EMPIRE STATESMEN ON DEFENCE NEEDS

Pan-American Peace Policy

Washington, To-day.

In order to give better effect to President Roosevelt's pan-American peace policy, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has ordered the reorganisation of the State Department.

Under the reorganisation all the Latin-American bureaux will be consolidated in one department called the "Division of American Republics."—Reuter.

AGED PEER'S PROPHECY

"I Will Be Run Over"

Lord Newton fears that each day may be his last.

He is in daily dread of being knocked down and killed.

He made this confession in the House of Lords. Lord Newton is eighty years of age.

All must deplore the slaughter and mutilation taking place on the roads he said, but under present circumstances he could see no likelihood of it diminishing.

"Every Londoner," he declared, "must have an appalling fear of being killed in the streets."

"I am a motorist, but I am also careful in walking in the streets."

"Yet the other day I was knocked down by a huge motor-lorry, though I escaped without any harm being done."

"I feel the melancholy conviction that my life will end by being run over."

30 m.p.h. Maximum

Lord Newton went on that as a motorist he would never complain if restricted to a speed limit of thirty miles an hour.

"The other day," he said, "a woman motorist known as a 'Speed Queen', who had been previously convicted four times for exceeding the speed limit, was before the magistrate on a like charge."

"The magistrate fined her £1, and sent her a friendly message that if that sort of thing occurred again her licence might possibly be endorsed. That is the maximum of absurdity."

"It is just as bad to be run over by a Speed Queen, or a Beauty Queen, as it is to be run over by a taxi or a motor-lorry."

Lord Noel Buxton said people were allowed to drive at too early an age. The age limit should be raised.

With reference to the postponement of Dr. Mateo's lecture, due to his departure for Swatow, a fresh date will be "selected as soon as he returns to Hong Kong again."

When a Danish military plane crashed in the sea off Copenhagen, 1,000 yards from the shore, the pilot was killed instantly.

Confidential orders have been issued to the German Press by the Propaganda Ministry forbidding criticism of Gen. Ludendorff.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE DISCUSSION MR. CHAMBERLAIN PRESIDES

London, To-day.

The Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, presiding at yesterday morning's meeting of the principal delegates to the Imperial Conference.

The day's activities were apparently limited to the delegates listening to a continued exposition on foreign affairs by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.

The opinion is held in some circles that defence discussions will engage most of the short time at the Conference's disposal, and economic discussions may result in establishment of a basis for later discussions.

The view is also held that the pending Cabinet changes and forthcoming Australian elections may militate against any very definite result from the present Conference.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

At a meeting of the principal delegates to the Imperial Conference yesterday morning, discussion of foreign affairs which the Foreign Secretary opened on Wednesday with a review of international situation in Europe was continued. A communiqué issued says the meeting was resumed under the chairmanship of Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

Mr. Mackenzie King gave an outline of the Canadian Government's view on the general international situation. He was followed by Mr. Casey, on behalf of Australia, Mr. Savage, on behalf of New Zealand, General Hertzog, on behalf of South Africa, and Lord Zetland, on behalf of India. The next meeting is to-day at 11 o'clock.—British Wireless.

Submarine Bell Used As Font

Ship's bell of his father's submarine was used as a font at the christening on the warship *Alecto*, in Portland Harbour, of the infant son of Lieutenant E. D. Norman.

The child named Peter Charles Dudley, wore a christening robe 100 years old, used by five generations of the Norman family, and officers of the 6th Submarine Flotilla drank his health in champagne.

The god-parents included Vice-Admiral A. H. Norman.

Lieutenant Norman is shortly leaving his submarine, L27, to act as first lieutenant in the submarine *Oberon* at Portsmouth.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has recognised Senhor Francisco Paulo de Vasconcelos Soares as Chancellor of the Portuguese Consulate at Hong Kong.

Government is calling for tenders for the demolition of Queen's Gardens, consisting of four blocks of Government quarters.

Non-Aggression In Pacific

Moscow, To-day.

The question of non-aggression pacts in the Pacific is commented upon by the semi-official newspaper "Izvestia."

The journal stresses that the pacts are much desired by the Soviet but strongly suspects they would be an extremely difficult accomplishment, due to Japanese Imperialism.—Reuter.

SECRET TRIALS BILL

M.P.'s Protest

The Rev. G. S. Woods, Finsbury's Socialist M.P., speaking on a private member's Bill which aims at having separation and affiliation court cases heard in camera, declared:

"In these moral matters, the fresh air of publicity does good, though it may seem sometimes unsavoury."

"Some think that knowledge of these things is conducive to irregularities, but we have no evidence of that from divorce courts. There has been no diminution in the number of divorces owing to the restrictions on divorce court reports."

Line-by-Line Fight

Two more clauses of the Bill, sponsored by Mr. M. Petherick (Con., Penrhyn), were carried in the Standing Committee of the House of Commons.

Mr. A. M. Lyons (Con., Leicester), opposing the new powers of restriction line by line, protested against "secret trials in a free country."

"Let us pause," he warned, "while we enjoy our liberties and see that they are not surrendered in the backwash of some good people's representations, based on consideration without proper experience."

His series of amendments have all been rejected by overwhelming majorities.

One clause prescribes exactly what may be published—names and addresses, grounds of application, "a concise statement of the charges, defences and counter-charges," points of law, decisions and observations of the Court. The maximum penalty for infringement is four months' imprisonment, a fine of \$100 or both.

THREATENS TO SHOOT MOTHER FOR FIVEPENCE

Pointing a loaded revolver at his mother, a fourteen-year-old New York boy demanded fivepence because he wanted to go to the cinema.

"If you don't give it to me it'll be just too bad for you," he said. "I'll shoot you."

An older brother rushed in and held him down till the police arrived.

The young bandit, Dominick San Giorgio, told the police that he bought the revolver last July and it had been hidden in the house ever since.

Review Of Fleet Concluded

INSPECTION OF "SOUTHAMPTON"

London, To-day.

The King concluded his review of the Fleet yesterday with a thorough inspection of H.M.S. Southampton, the newest British cruiser, after which, with the Queen and Princess Elizabeth, he returned to London.

The King, in the course of a message to all the navies represented at the review, says:

"It has been a great happiness to me to return for even a short time to my old life at sea and the Service in which my early years were spent."

"All I have seen these two days has shown me that the traditions of efficiency and smartness we cherish with such pride are being worthily upheld . . . I know I am speaking for the whole Empire when I say how pleased and honoured we have been to welcome the warships from foreign countries at the review."—Reuter.

Welcome Back To London

London, To-day.

Large crowds were gathered at Victoria Station to welcome the King and Queen and Princess Elizabeth back to London after their visit to Spithead for the Naval review.

The Royal party was warmly cheered at the station and along the route to Buckingham Palace, where another big crowd had assembled.

Shortly afterwards the following message was made to all navies by the King: "It has been a great happiness to me to return for even a short time to my old life at sea and to the Service in which my early years were spent. All that I have seen in these two days has shown me that the traditions of efficiency and smartness which we cherish with such pride are being worthily upheld. I offer to all ranks and ratings of the Royal Navies my warm congratulations."

"Equally glad have I been to see ships of the merchant navy and the fishing fleet."

"I know that I am speaking for the whole Empire when I say how pleased and honoured we have been to welcome warships from foreign countries at the review. I hope that our visitors will take back with them the happiest recollections of their stay among us. The queen and I send best wishes to all my seamen and I look forward to further visits which I hope to pay them in future."

During the morning the King made visits of inspection to H.M.S. Nelson, flagship of the home Fleet, H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth, flagship of the Mediterranean Fleet, H.M.S. Dunedin, flagship of the Reserve Fleet.

The King hoisted the signal to the whole fleet, "Splice the main brace."—British Wireless.

Dr. Rust, the German Minister of Education, is at present in Northern Italy inspecting the Italian school system.

CALL FOR ARMISTICE IN SPANISH IMBROGLIO

Strong Hopes Of Early Truce

BELGIUM TAKES INITIATIVE

London, To-day.

Hopes that a temporary, if not a permanent, halt may be put to the slaughter of the Spanish civil war, have been roused by intense diplomatic activity in the capitals of Europe.

The plan for an armistice, mooted for several weeks, has been given fresh impetus by the British, French and Belgian Governments, though it is frowned upon by Italy and definitely rejected by General Franco.

YESTERDAY, THE FOREIGN OFFICE REQUESTED THE BRITISH AMBASSADORS IN CERTAIN EUROPEAN CAPITALS TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS UPON THE POSSIBILITY OF A TEMPORARY CESSION OF HOSTILITIES IN SPAIN, DURING WHICH FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS SERVING ON EITHER SIDE WOULD BE WITHDRAWN.

TECHNICIANS AND EXPERTS OF THE NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE ALSO MET IN LONDON YESTERDAY TO STUDY THE PROBLEM, WHICH IS RECOGNISED TO BE AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ONE.

From Brussels comes a report stating that France and Belgium have agreed to make an endeavour towards an Armistice in Spain.

This was announced by the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, who is at present visiting Brussels, after a conference with the Belgian Premier, M. Paul van Zeeland.

M. Delbos told journalists: "If we bring about acceptance of an armistice, we should be very near the end of hostilities."

BRITISH ACTION

In Paris "Le Soir" publishes a report from its Brussels correspondent saying that the French Government has already notified the British Government of its approval of the British action in sounding the various British Ambassadors as to the prospects of bringing about a truce in the civil war.

In the course of conversations which M. Delbos had in London with British statesmen (says the correspondent) it became evident that a truce would have to be called as a preliminary to effecting the recall of foreign volunteers.

The British Government then sought to obtain the views of various other Governments on the matter.

The Belgian Government offered its services in the role of mediator, although the opinion is held in many quarters in Brussels that this position would be better filled by a country not a member of the non-intervention committee.

In any case, concludes the correspondent, Europe is making a serious effort to put an end to the hostilities.

ITALY'S ATTITUDE

A message from Rome states that the Italian press thinks that the

Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, is the originator of the truce plan.

According to "Giornale d'Italia," M. Spaak has been asked by the British Government to investigate the possibilities of giving effect to the plan and, acting in this sense, he discussed the matter with M. Delbos.

The journal introduces a pessimistic note, however, saying "The whole suggestion has been paralysed by the action of the Valencia Government in appealing to the League of Nations, which is itself at the next session preparing to launch a renewed attack on Germany and Italy."

DISAGREEABLE SURPRISE

"The British Government has been very disagreeably surprised by this action by Valencia."

Opinion in Rome is that any proposal for a truce in Spain should be put before the non-intervention committee. The plan itself, some quarters think, is not very practical.

"The only answer which Nationalist Spain can give to the rumours about the armistice is that it is quite out of the question," said General Franco to newspaper correspondents in Salamanca yesterday.

The opinion is held at insurgent headquarters that the rumours were circulated as a result of the new Spanish Government and of the fact that the new Valencia Premier, Senor Juan Negrin, recently had a series of talks with Mr. Anthony Eden in London.

These talks, say the insurgents, tend to show that the Valencia Government is ready to discuss armistice terms, but "for Nationalist Spain it is an impossibility."

NEW PHASE

Simultaneously with the rumours, the British press predicts a new

SCOTTISH PHILANTHROPIST DEAD

Sir Alexander Grant Passes Away

London, To-day. The death took place yesterday at Edinburgh of Sir Alexander Grant who was well-known as a philanthropist. His services to education were particularly noteworthy and as a result of his benefactions, several scholarships were founded and handsome donations were made to Edinburgh University.

He contributed £200,000, to the founding of the Scottish National Library.

Sir Alexander Grant, who was a man of humble birth, was particularly generous to friends of his youth. These included Mr. Ramsay Macdonald to whom in 1924 he presented a motorcar. This week it became known that Sir Alexander had presented £10,000 worth of silver and banqueting plate and household goods to Holyrood Palace, the Royal residence in Edinburgh.—British Wireless.

phase in the civil war.

Much is made by the London papers of a report that General Franco has addressed an urgent appeal to Signor Mussolini for support, and that the Duce intends to recall the Italian volunteers.

This is said to be the reason for the departure to Rome in the last few days of many Spanish notables, including the Duke of Alba.

On the other hand, the "Evening News," in a message from Rome, says that all rumours regarding recall of Italian volunteers must be regarded as highly incredible.—Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

LIFE A TIGHT SQUEEZE

Problems Of Living In New York

When next you read about "America's high standard of living" and all that sort of thing, be glad you don't have to live and raise a family in New York!

The other day the question was heard: "Who has the happier life—the American housewife or the British?" debated by a New York women's club; and they almost decided that British women were more fortunate than American.

One thing is certain. The housewives of London have a much more comfortable life than the housewives of New York.

One-Room Apartment, £5

For this is a city of rising prices without rising incomes. It is a city where home—as Londoners know it—does not exist.

The average New York family lives in a building known as an apartment house. Such buildings are usually large, but the individual apartments or flats might have been constructed for dwarfs.

Fifty per cent. of New York's apartments haven't even got kitchens. Cooking is done on an infinitesimal apparatus in the living-room.

Twenty-five per cent. of the apartments consists only of one room and a bathroom. Entire families occupy many of these.

A simple one-room apartment on Manhattan can cost as much as £5 a week.

Shopping in New York becomes an increasing problem. Essential foodstuffs are twenty per cent. more than in England. If you have them delivered to your door you must pay still more.

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Mechanical Difficulties Of The Helicopter

Scientists of the National Physical Laboratory have recently attempted to compare the performances of an aeroplane and two rotating-wing aircraft—an autogiro, in which the lifting rotors turn in flight under the influence of the air forces acting on them, and a helicopter, equipped with power-driven rotors.

The laboratory's report states that if the great mechanical difficulties in the way of making an efficient helicopter could be overcome—without involving structural weight greatly in excess of that of the other two types of aircraft—then the helicopter should be able to climb as rapidly as the aeroplane and considerably faster than the autogiro.

Low Landing Speeds

"In top speed," adds the report, "the aeroplane has a decided advantage over both the other types, which are about equal in speed."

"At low speeds the helicopter alone can descend vertically, but it has rather a high rate of descent; the autogiro comes next as regards low landing speed, but is not strikingly better than an aeroplane can be made by use of modern flap devices."

This statement explains the relatively small present interest among aircraft constructors in rotating-wing aircraft.

Recent advances in the wing-structure of fixed-wing aircraft, in particular the improvement of flaps and other lift devices, enable the designer to plan aeroplanes that land comparatively slowly.

Take-off, already facilitated by these devices, has the added help in many modern aeroplanes of a controllable-pitch airscrew which enables maximum useful power to be taken from the engine.

NEW ALLOYS FOR AIRCRAFT

Improvement On Aluminium

British scientists in the Metallurgy Department of the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington have developed two important new series of light alloys of magnesium, which will be of great importance in the production of aircraft.

The discovery is announced in the annual report of the Laboratory, published by the Stationery Office.

Magnesium alloys are lighter than those of aluminium, but hitherto have lacked their strength. This has been the main obstacle to their greater use.

The report states that one of the new series of alloys containing magnesium, with small amounts of aluminium, silver and other metals, has greatly increased strength at ordinary temperatures, and is considerably lighter than good aluminium alloys. The second series, containing cerium—a rare metallic element—and small proportions of other metals, retain their strength at high temperatures better than the light alloys previously in use.

Eliminating Noise

Children would be fascinated by some of the devices used in the Physics Department for investigating noise problems. One of these is a tiny windmill, each sail of which is tipped with a "boot." As the sail revolves, the "boots" deliver a succession of blows on a floor. The noise represents that of a person walking in an upstairs flat.

By substituting for the ordinary floor an insulated floor resting on rubber supports it was found that the sound of footsteps could be almost eliminated.

One of the most highly sensitive instruments made by the laboratory this year is a microphone-amplifier equipment, with which it is possible to detect the presence of destructive insects in timber.

It has even been found possible to distinguish between different kinds of insects or larvae, by noting the differences in the sounds made by them, though the insects may be far below the surface of the timber.

Capt. Rossi, the French airman, set up a new world's flying record for 5,000 kilometres—3,107 miles—by covering the distance in 18 hours 4 minutes at an official average speed of 311.184 kilometres—194 miles—an hour.

BRITISH HOME AIR LINER SECRETS

Modern skill and technique in the construction of all-metal "stressed-skin" aeroplanes is shown in the new "Bristol 143" commercial monoplane, details of which are now revealed.

Production of this machine is overshadowed by military urgencies, but it indicates the advanced state of British all-metal technique, and is probably the forerunner of Bristol civil craft of high performance.

Type 143, which is equipped with two 500 h.p. "Aquila" sleeve-valved engines, is designed to carry a crew of two and eight passengers, or, alternatively, freight or mail, at a cruising speed of 200 m.p.h. for distances of more than 1,000 miles non-stop.

Low-wing Monoplane

It is a low-wing monoplane with retractable undercarriage, and is a fine example of streamlining and the elimination of excrescences that might add to head-resistance.

Body, wings, tailplane and fin are built entirely in metal with coverings of light metal alloy. The fuselage is a shell, without internal bracing struts or wires.

Fuel is carried in two tanks in the centre section of the wings, each of 102 gallons capacity. Oil is contained in two tanks in the leading edge of the central section of the wing, and is cooled by passage through the tubes of a skin-type radiator which does not add to head resistance.

The wing-span is 56½ ft. The machine, fully loaded, weighs approximately 9,000 lb.

HOW R.A.F. DEALS WITH TRIBES

BLOODLESS RAIDS ON ARABS

WARNING BEFORE BOMBING

Incidents reported from the Aden Protectorate have again demonstrated the efficiency and mercy of the control exercised by the British R.A.F. over large regions of southern Arabia.

The Ahi Haidara Mansur, a troublesome section who for many years had been disloyal to their overlord, the Fadhl Sultan, recently attacked a caravan outside Aden. The political authorities decided that the raid, affecting the integrity of the main trade route, called for help to assert the power of the Fadhl Sultan.

The sheikh of the Ahi Haidara Mansur was ordered to meet a Political Officer and the Sultan at an appointed place, but the command was ignored.

An ultimatum was sent to him by messengers, and copies dropped on his village from the air, ordering him to pay a fine in cash and rifles, and to return three times the value of the looted property.

No sign of an attempt to pay was received on the appointed day, and 48-hour bombing warnings were dropped from the air, while a squadron in formation demonstrated overhead.

Later that day the Political Officer received information that the offenders were making a genuine effort to produce the fine, and they were told that if they produced the rifles by noon next day they would be given an extension of time to raise the money. They failed to comply with the letter of this concession, but on the following evening, before bombing was due to begin, about 50 Mansuris brought in a part of the fine.

Finally, after a great deal of haggling, the Haidara Mansur handed over rifles, camels and cash as the first instalment of the fine.

Bloodless Bombing

A Royal Engineer officer, who had been engaged in surveying the course of a proposed motor road from Mokalla to the Hadhrdamout Valley, was fired at by Bedouins. The driver and an Arab sitting beside him was wounded, and the car was damaged. After a parley and payment of a bribe the party was allowed to proceed.

Aden headquarters promptly ordered the offending tribesmen to appear before their Sultan and a Political Officer, by whom they were fined.

The culprits failed to pay, the usual bombing notice was ignored, and air action was taken. The operations had lasted four days, when information reached headquarters that the fine was being collected. No one was hurt.



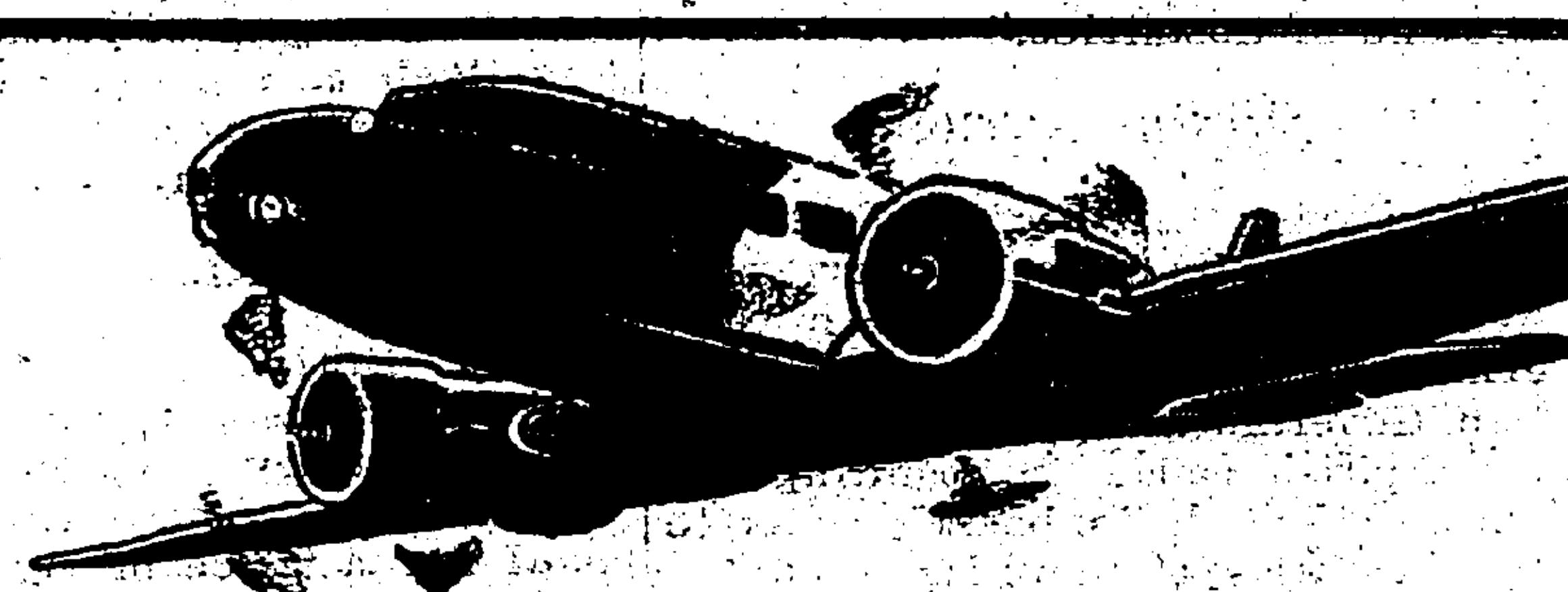
Looking forward to a pleasant swim, this sun-maid wears the latest in knitted wool beach and swim suits, a wide pantlette model with tailored effect brought about by the perpendicular seaming. Contrasting roped bow and belt (with ivory buckle) give the smart touch to finish off the costume.

The Australian Federal Labour Executive is likely to favour reinstatement of 21 political and industrial leaders expelled from the New South Wales Labour movement by the Lan-

Oliver Hardy, partner in the film comedy team of Laurel and Hardy, has filed a divorce petition on the grounds of his wife's "mental cruelty."

A motion, supported by Lord Ponsonby, "that true national defence can only be effectively secured by individual refusal to bear arms and by complete disarmament" was passed by 94 votes to 90 at a Cambridge Union debate.

Twenty-six persons have been sentenced at Bratislava, in Czechoslovakia, to a total of 170 years' imprisonment for espionage, according to the Brno newspaper Lidové Noviny.



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STOLE STALIN'S HEART BUT SHE WAS EXPELLED

Beautiful twenty-four-year-old Rosa Kaganovich, secretary of Joseph Stalin, has been ordered suddenly to leave Moscow's Kremlin, where the Soviet Communist leader lives.

She is said to have been dismissed by Stalin himself.

A blonde, with alluring smile and beautiful dark eyes, she captured the heart of Stalin. For four years she acted as his private secretary.

It is said in Moscow that Rosa is the victim of Stalin's persecution and spying mania.

Stalin fears that he is surrounded by spies of foreign countries and he sees enemies even in his best friends.

It is feared that Rosa's departure marks the beginning of the downfall of the Kaganovich family in Soviet Russia.

NAZI EX-SOLDIER HONOURS ENGLISH MOTHER IN POEM

An English mother's act in tending the almost-forgotten grave of a German soldier near her cottage has brought her fame throughout Germany.

A few months ago an English newspaper told the story of Mrs. Tom Hall, of Rothwell, Northants, who in memory of her dead daughter has kept the grave of Henrich Hollien, German prisoner of war, always decked with flowers.

Reaching Germany, the story was broadcast to German listeners from Cologne Radio Station.

German ex-soldiers are writing to Mrs. Hall to thank her for her kindness to their dead comrade.

One of them, Erich Vorm Walde, of Cologne, has written a poem dedicated to her.

His letter says that he was wounded near Fargniers on March 21, about 5 p.m., by a British hand-grenade, and asks what British regiment met the German attack, and whether any British ex-Servicemen recall it.

FAMOUS COMEDIAN REMEMBERED But Only When He "Died"

William Moran, surviving member of the once-famous "Two Black Crows" variety partnership, was reported to have dropped dead in a street at Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Variety managers all over the United States dictated tributes to newspapermen, talking of Moran as "a comedian the stage will never forget."

Then a down-and-out man walked into a Los Angeles newspaper office. He was William Morgan, so completely forgotten by variety managers that he was existing as a relief work labourer.

Ever since his partner, Buckley Mack, was killed in a car crash in 1934, Moran had gone steadily downhill.

The King has approved the appointment of the Honourable Dr. Li Siu-fan to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, in succession to Mr. Ts'ui Seen-wan, C.B.E., LL.D., with effect from January 17, 1937.

KWEILIN CEREMONIES

KWANGSI LEADERS' ADDRESSES CONSCRIPTS

Kweilin, Yesterday. Disbandment of two conscript regiments of the Kwangsi army on completion of two years' service when Generals Li Chung-yen and Pai Chung-hsi were present and spoke on national conscription needs.

General Li Chung-yen said: All officers and men should know how hard it has been to organise this group, how strenuous has been our struggle, so that we all will realise more fully the strength of this group.

The glory that is now ours has been fought for with heads and blood, under the aegis of the Three People's Principles. It is to be hoped that we will strive to uphold our glory and expand it.

Conscription is a problem that for the last twenty years the Chinese Government authorities have never been able to solve. Kwangsi is the only province that has succeeded.

MYSTERY OF A BROADCAST

'Silly Blighter'

Variety had just ended in the B.C.'s London Regional programme one afternoon recently at 4.45.

Then that 'tween-items silence . . . but crashing through it came a protesting voice. It said clearly, if rather more-in-pain-than-in-anger:

"You silly blighter."

. . . the 'tween items silence descended on the air again, but then the listener heard:

"Ye Gods!"

. . . silence once more, then the same voice, not so much in pain as in anger this time, said:

"Give me the—"

—but what listeners will never know.

The voice, to their regret, faded out and a clear, correct, polite announcer announced urbanely a reading from the works of Edmund Spenser.

Answer by the B.B.C. to a question "There does seem to have been a slight hitch during the change-over. Oh! no, we cannot confirm, nor would we deny, that unintended remarks were broadcast."

Wives Have Right To Play Football

Herr Karl Lutz, the Viennese who sued his wife Maria for divorce because she played football instead of looking after the home, has failed in his suit.

Frau Lutz, pretty, blonde and aged twenty-eight, plays centre half for the Tempo team, and is one of Austria's best known players.

At the first hearing of the suit, Herr Lutz said that he had to cook, keep house, and look after their ten-year-old son, because his wife was away attending football matches.

In dismissing the action, the Judge said that he would put in writing later his reasons for the decision that housewives are entitled to play football.

The King's Executive empowering Mr. Jose Varela y Arias to act as Peruvian Consul at Hong Kong has received His Majesty's signature.

ed in carrying it out, which has been due not to the issuance of a paper decree but to the fundamental soundness of our political system.

Scientific warfare is getting fiercer and fiercer everyday. We should understand its importance and master it in preparation for the next world war.

GOOD SONS

General Pai Chung-hsi said:

Conscription has been abolished ever since the Sung Dynasty for nearly 1000 years, with the result

that the belief becomes current that

"good sons will not be soldiers." If soldiers are not good sons, how can they protect the people and the country? Ever since Kwangsi have to enforce the conscription Law in

1934, all of our conscripts have been good sons, cheerfully submitting to a discipline of two years. Those of

you who have served your country

during these two years and are now going home to be good private citizens again, you will take the guidance of the Village Chief and assist him in training the Nin Tuan Reserves.

There will be a summons every year and all of you are ex-

pected to come. We are soldiers because we want to protect our country and our people, and we should throw ourselves into the work of national salvation with the same ideas in mind.

SCHOOL BUILT OF LIGHT STEEL

Sussex Innovation

The first school to be built of light steel parts, made of alloy hitherto used only for motor-car bodies, has just been completed at Sidlesham by the West Sussex County Council.

So successful is the experiment that the Board of Education is studying the possibility of extending the scheme all over the country.

Hundreds of families were recently brought from the Special Areas to Sidlesham to work on the largest land settlement in England. The child population of the village rose in a few months from a mere handful to many hundreds.

School accommodation had to be found for it, as the village school was inadequate. But as at some future date the families may be sent back to their homes and Sidlesham become again a tiny village, the authorities decided that the utmost economy must be used.

Accordingly Mr. C. G. Stillman, the county architect, conceived the idea of erecting schools which could not only be dismantled and transported elsewhere if required, but could also be adapted to all kinds of conditions.

Using light steel, he constructed a building by the side of the old village school containing four classrooms, which, by an ingenious system of movable partitions, can be converted into one large room, two medium-sized rooms, or several small cubicles.

The King has approved the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Junior, to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, in succession to Mr. Jose Pedro Braga, O.B.E., with effect from January 17, 1937.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Subject: Soul And Body

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, tomorrow, May 23, will be: "Soul and Body." The Golden Text will be: "Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul" (Psalms 80:4).

Among others the following citations from the Bible will be read: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (II Cor. 5:1, 2, 5-8. I Thess. 5:16-18, 23).

The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Because of human ignorance of the divine Principle, Love, the Father of all is represented as a corporeal creator; hence men recognise themselves as merely physical, and are ignorant of man as God's image or reflection, and of man's eternal, incorporeal existence. The world of error is ignorant of the world of Truth,—blind to the reality of man's existence,—for the world of sensation is not cognizant of life in Soul, not in body. If we rise no higher than blind faith, the Science of healing is not attained, and Soul-existence, in the place of sense-existence, is not comprehended. We apprehend Life in divine Science only as we live above corporeal sense and correct it. There is but one way—namely, God and His idea—which leads to spiritual being. Become conscious for a single moment that Life and intelligence are purely spiritual,—neither in nor of matter,—and the body will then utter no complaints. If suffering from a belief in sickness, you will find yourself suddenly well. Sorrow is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spiritual Life, Truth, and Love." (Pages 18, 167, 14).

Mr. Lionel Buck, a British engineer, was killed and his wife and son injured in a motor-car smash in Cairo.

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SAUL AMONG THE PROPHETS

Many people must have read with some astonishment and perhaps pleasure, the account of Dr. Schacht's recent interview with members of the Press at Brussels. Only a few weeks ago the trumpets of Germany appeared to be announcing her determination to become self-sufficient, to arm herself to the teeth and to lead a new crusade against Bolshevism, especially as it was embodied in that arch enemy of civilisation, Russia. In Belgium, Dr. Schacht, the official emissary of Germany, sounded a strikingly changed note. His country has found "the system of self-sufficiency more expensive than a return to free trade, and therefore disposed to join her efforts to those of countries which might undertake the return to a more normal and liberal regime."

Armaments? They only existed, said Dr. Schacht, to enable Germany "to negotiate on a footing of equality" Europe, and Germany with Europe, he declared, desires permanent and lasting peace. In the event of an international commercial agreement being achieved, would Germany admit Russia as a participant? "Why not?" replied Dr. Schacht, "does not Germany already do much trade with Russia?"

It would be entirely wrong to imagine that Dr. Schacht was attempting to deceive the world. The above-expressions of opinion are genuine. He has always exercised a moderating influence in the councils of Nazi Germany. One may legitimately hope that to-day his influence is predominant. If this hope is not illusion, the change may be ascribed to a number of reasons. Prominent among these has been the gradual awakening in all countries to the need for genuine international co-operation. Last year the League of Nations suffered what Mr. Baldwin termed "a bitter humiliation." The first reaction was perhaps one of bewilderment and defeatism. The second and more lasting has been a conviction that the peace of the world, that "permanent and lasting peace" to which Dr. Schacht referred, can in the long run only be achieved on inter-

national League of Nations lines — and therefore there has been a renewed determination far more lively than ever before to restore and strengthen Geneva both as a bulwark against aggression and as an instrument of genuine international co-operation.

At A Loose End

It is indeed a grievous thing to find that there has been unrest and dissatisfaction in that bulwark of Britain the Royal Navy. But there must have been; moreover, it would seem that it even now exists, for the grievance which caused it has yet to be remedied. (And it is idle to say that sabotage or Communists must have been responsible for it). In the Admiralty review of conditions in the navy which was issued recently the Lords Commissioners have included an entry which is headed "Requests for Better Quality Braces," and under that heading appears the merely procrastinating assurance "A new type of braces will be introduced in due course." And what happens in the meantime? Is our handicapped navy to call Franco's bluff when it is not even certain about the security of its own trousers?

That Hitching Process

There is, it must be admitted, a certain amount of historical support for the tradition that would keep the seafaring man more or less on tenterhooks in the matter of those not unimportant garments. The point was put by "Ingoldsby" Barham in "Misadventures at Margate":

And then he hitched his trousers up, as is, I'm told, their use;

It's very odd that sailor-men should wear those things so loose.

But in the case of the Royal Navy it cannot be said to be odd at all if the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty will not supply their underlings with braces that can be relied on to take the strain. Even now the position (as well as the trousers) hangs in uncertainty; the Lords Commissioners do not say that they will introduce the "better quality braces" demanded — all they promise is "a new type of braces in due course." It may be new and still no more trustworthy than the old. For that hitching process is deeply embedded in naval traditions; it is actually enshrined in one of the movements of the hornpipe. The Lords Commissioners may mean to retain it at all costs — even the cost of providing a new type of braces that is still liable to let the wearer down.

The position (like the present braces) is not good enough; the navy of to-day has enough to do to hold its own without having to hold its trousers as well. The position is unsupportable and questions should be asked about it in Parliament. How would Sir Samuel Hoare like to go skating in nether garments which could be kept in position only by the frequent exercise of manual dexterity?

Things That Make You Blush

IT'S an odd thing (and one our wise your hair at your mispronunciation of Keijo. One wits about us, and that is generally men might look into a little more) that what makes us go hot all sideways. Yes, I think I may call it was Keesho, the other said due to our being far too much wrapped up in ourselves and concerned over, and what—when we look back this kind of blunder a skid. on it—keeps us awake in the small hours of the morning, is not nearly as much our sins as our blunders. This extract from a letter illustrates the point.

"Leaving the hotel last summer I gave what I had supposed was the action, or the first and worst I remember, was while I was still at head waiter a quite good tip. Even as he took it, I thought by the look on his face there was something wrong. Before we had got to the station I learned he wasn't the head waiter at all, but the proprietor of the hotel—a wealthy man, and, still worse, a man of good breeding and of high local standing. Even now, and she was so demure, except for after nearly six months, I go all of the tiniest hint of a twinkle in her eye . . . but you understand don't given him those two half-crowns."

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Yes, those are the things that keep us awake at night. I've just called them our "blunders," but blunder is too general a word.

Indeed, it's another odd thing that we have no word in the language for the kind of act or remark that makes us, if it dawns on us at once what we have done, wish the floor would open and swallow us, or makes us, if it dawns on us later, writhe with shame and confusion.

For lack of a native term, we borrow, from the French, words we fondly imagine carry this precise sense: *gaffe* and *gaucherie*, and *faux pas*.

Or if our leanings are more classical, we talk of a "solecism"; therein generally blundering again, for "solecism" meant to the Greek a vulgarity or provincialism of speech rather than a phrase or act that causes confusion in oneself and consternation in the company.

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So, lacking a word, we resort to clumsy slang. We talk of "making a fearful bloomer," or "dropping an awful brick." Ungainly and ugly expressions; but everyone knows what we mean, and what we mean is exactly what the lady did when she slipped two half-crowns into the hand of the hotel proprietor, and afterwards went all hot and cold at the very thought of it.

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Clumsy and vulgar expressions, so I'll coin a word (or restamp a word) to take their place. Have you ever been in a skid?

The car, instead of going where you supposed you were steering, slid sideways. You jam on the brake and make it worse. You steer away from the direction of the slip and the car goes back to front; into one gutter and across to the other.

Ten to one there's no harm done, but you have an awful sinking feeling, and for days after you may wake up in the night with that skid sensation.

Well, isn't that exactly what it felt like that afternoon when in front of 20 people you began talking to the vicar's wife about stamps and telegrams, thinking she was the postmistress.

Or what it felt like that evening when you were getting on rather well at the party and had spoken pointedly about "night-club orgies" (pronouncing it with a hard "g" as though it were a first cousin of orgies), and a moment after that tall man said these so-called "orgies" (soft "g" as in George-Porgy) were tame and dull affairs; and you blushed to the roots of a Frenchman argued about the cor-

rect pronunciation of Keijo. One wits about us, and that is generally friend from near by and they asked him what the correct pronunciation was. He said it was Khxzak (or that was what it sounded like). Each exclaimed to content to be ourselves instead of the other, "There, what did I tell trying to present what we like to think is ourselves, we should all be

I went and fetched a Korean about the effect we're making. ped up in ourselves and concerned each is just a little worse than the other two. Since then I take leave to pro-nounce Keijo as I think fit. And This for the comfort of the skids you may take leave to pronounce a der. Nine times out of ten that awful skid you worry about has left own way—or at any rate not feel abashed if you discover that someone else is pronouncing them otherwise.

The odds are he's just as wide at what you said. Not a bit of it. Most of them weren't listening—and turns of speech all your own: If "he did it on purpose" comes say next—and those who were listening thought nothing of it. Your self-torments are no more than the measure of your own too acute self-consciousness.

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Skids are mere surface slips and slithers. There are worse things for those who are full of pretences. There are give-aways. You may be true to your own place, your cook to complain of the bacon and own people, your own feeling for said: "Look at the portion I have the turn of a phrase and the lilt of served to your mistress. Abominable! And this I have served to myself is hardly better." Ah, a give-away.

And once in the train from Dover Then those skids of tact and fact a loud-cheeked man was roaring at Yes, I agree we should avoid them the attendant because there were if we can. It has been said that a not two seats together for himself gentleman is one who never and his lady. I offered to change intentionally gives offence—and places so that they could be together. He accepted, still fuming.

Most of our skids of all kinds and said, "Really, I don't know why and particularly those of tact and you should!" And he didn't! A give-tact, are due to our not keeping our away!

By Professor John Hilton

hand was carrying a satchel and my right hand a scantily wrapped haddock.

If I had more practice and longer notice I would, of course, have managed all right. As it was I raised my cap beautifully, but I raised the haddock, too. I will give them credit for this: they did not try to laugh.

When I got home my mother again, for "solecism" meant to the Greek a vulgarity or provincialism of speech rather than a phrase or act that causes confusion in oneself and consternation in the company.

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Then skids of speed. Those odd twists and turns of phrase that betray your plebeian origin. Those words you pronounce wrongly because you've never heard them familiarly spoken or because you've never been abroad or because you never had a "college education."

That time when you read a paper on the Italian astronomer and philosopher Ga-LILL-eo (as you called him throughout); and the first person who spoke in a discussion—a manager's son who'd been to Cambridge—called him Ga-li-LEE-o and the slip and the car goes back to you hardly knew where to look.

That time when the candid friend of your latest circle of acquaintances took you aside and told you it was more correct to say "he

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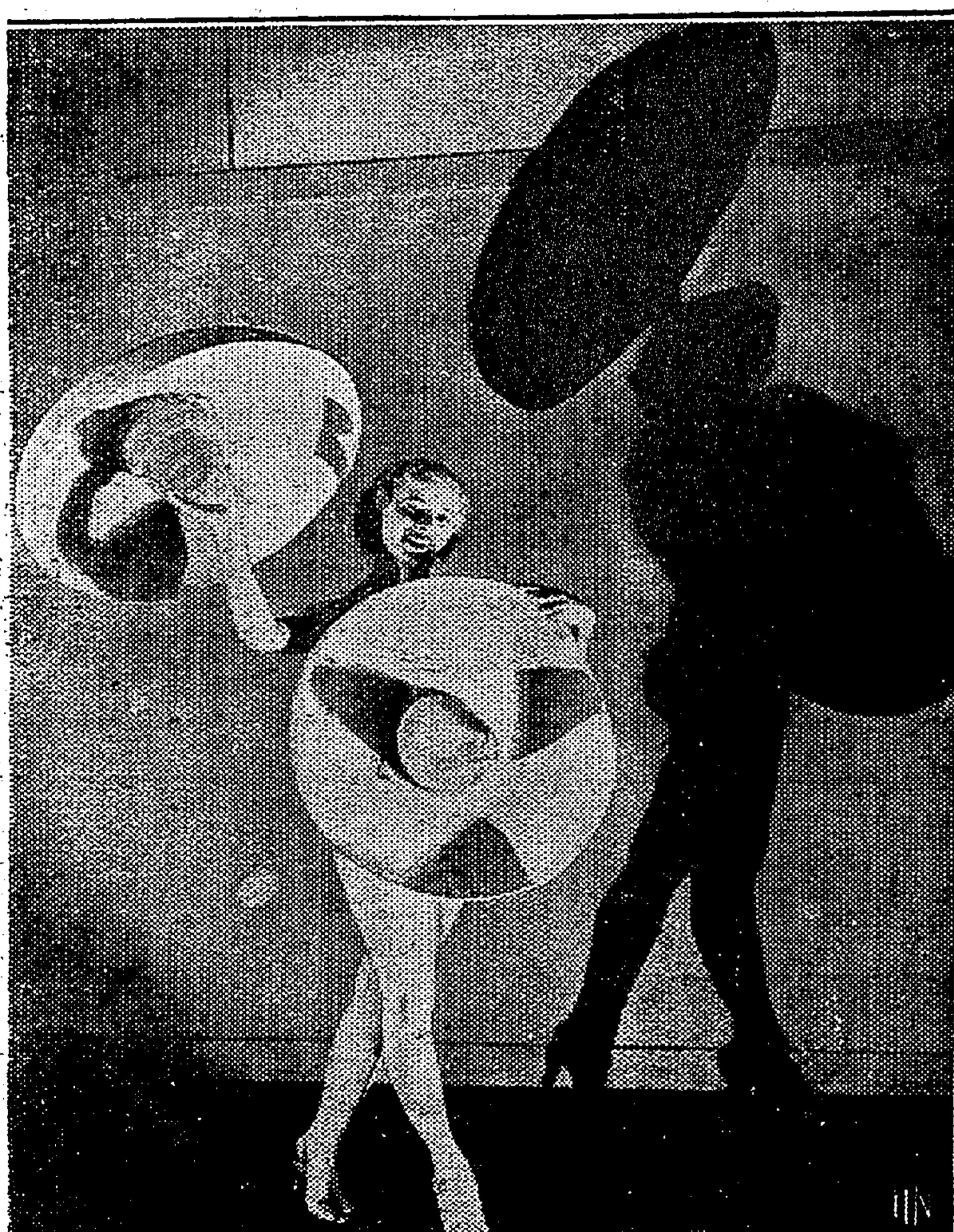
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Disease Turns Man Black



Physicians at Santa Ana, Cal., are studying the case of William L. Morrison, a white man who is gradually turning black. Morrison told doctors he first noticed the change when he was burning smudge pots in his orange groves last January. Since then he has turned as dark as a Negro. The picture at the left was taken before the disease attacked him. At right, Morrison is shown as he is today.

When a Lady Needs a Hat

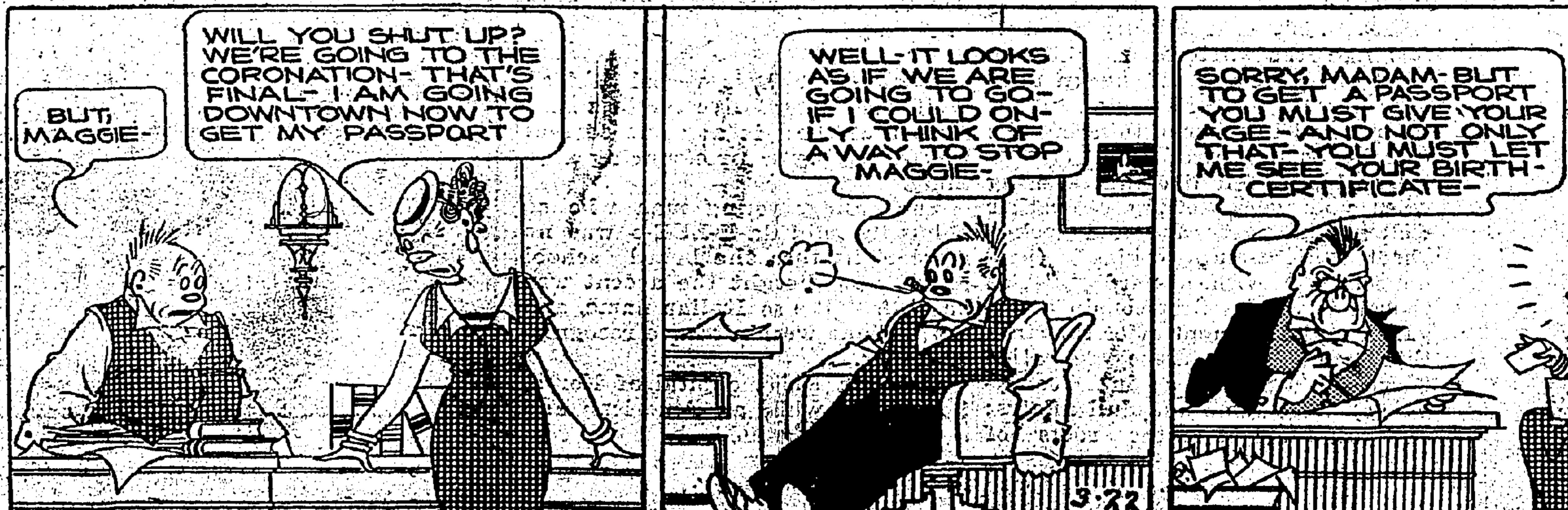


If anyone says "hats off" to Miss Dorothy Chase, who will do this sombrero dance at the Pan American Exposition in Dallas, Tex., a minor riot will get under way. The Latin-American dance is ultra-modern in costuming and choreography.

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At Lucknow, 2 were reported killed and 90 injured, while 48 arrests were made, following rioting between the Sunni and Shia sects. Tension remains acute and there is fear of further outbreaks.

SZECHUEN ENVOY**Loyalty To Nanking
Government**

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Liu Hang-sam, Commissioner of Finance for Szechuan, arrived in Shanghai from Chengtu by air and went to Nanking by the evening express.

It is officially learned that Liu is representing General Liu Sheng, Governor of Szechuan, and carries with him a personal letter to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, reporting on the present situation and the recent famine in the province. The visit is acclaimed as proving that the rumours in Nanking that Szechuan province was planning to separate from the Central Government are groundless.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

Curfew has been ordered and police are now patrolling the disturbed area.

At Shikarpur, Sind, one Hindu was killed and two injured in a clash between Hindus and Muslims arising from the alleged burning of pages of the Koran in the mosque by unknown men.

From Lahore come reports of a stay-in strike by 6,000 employees of the Moghalpura Railway workshop in connexion with a dispute over their holidays on Mohamed's birthday.

Police were called in to eject the strikers, though hitherto there have been no disturbances.—Reuter.

One miner was killed and two seriously injured by an explosion in the lignite mines near Spoleto, Central Italy.

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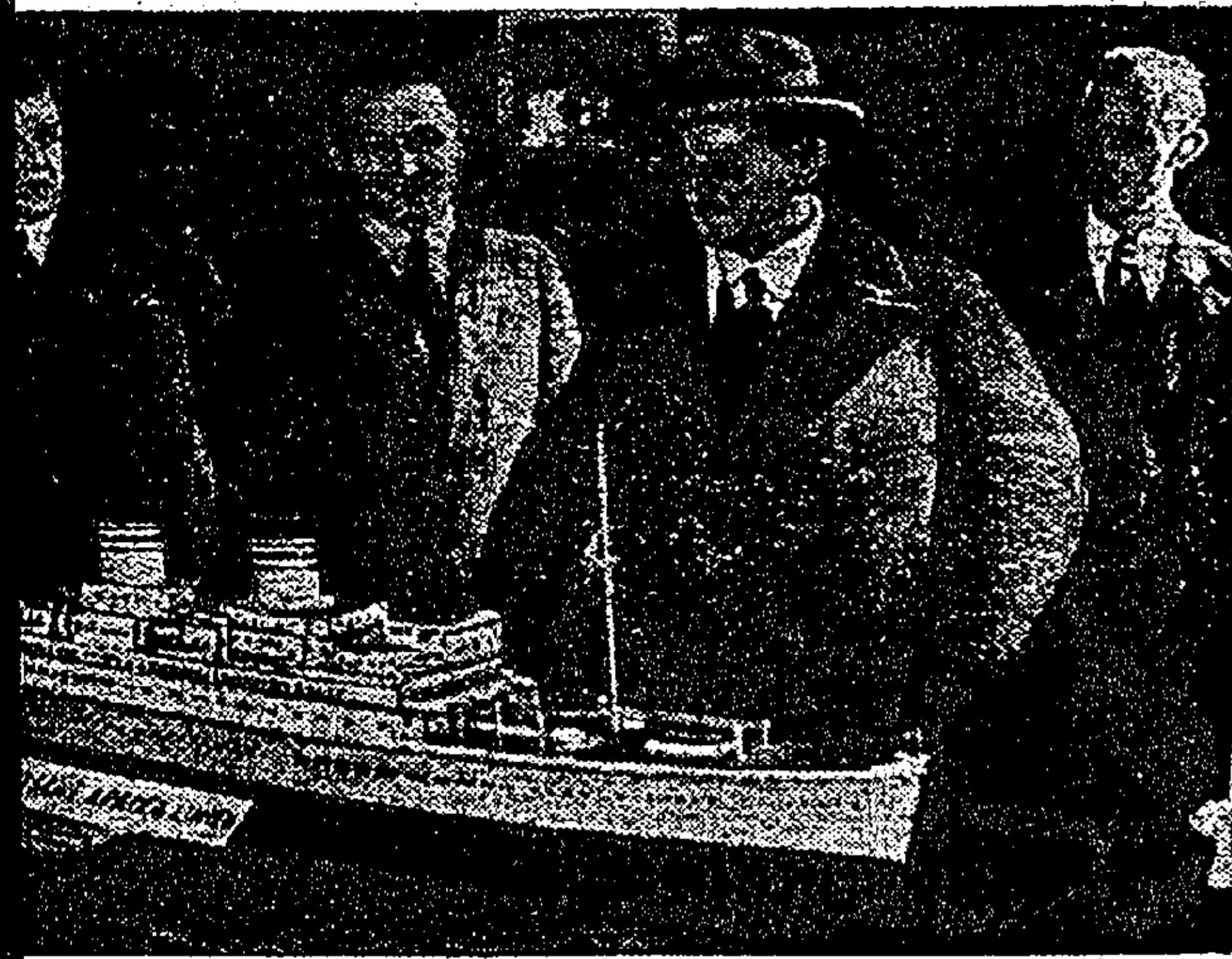
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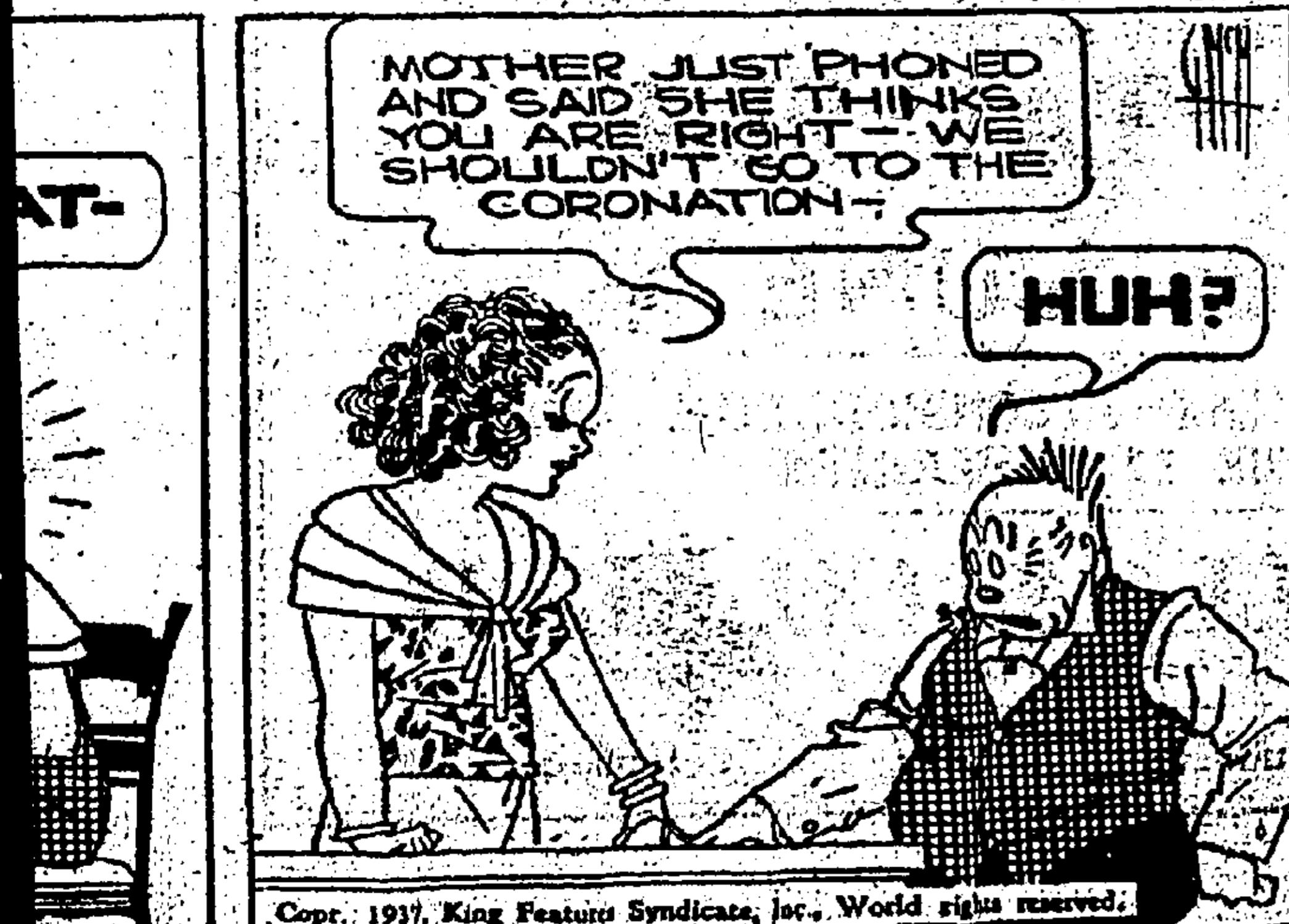


The lovely Carole Lombard as
she appears in "Swing High, Swing
Low," the latest musical, which is
showing simultaneously at the
Queen's and Alhambra to-day.
Playing opposite Miss Lombard is
Fred McMurray.



go two down and out journalists wrote a play called "Horse." It was an instant success and ran for two years and a year in London. Now it has been filmed at the King's Theatre from to-day. The players are whom you see above with Carol Hughes), Allen Aldred and Guy Kibbee.

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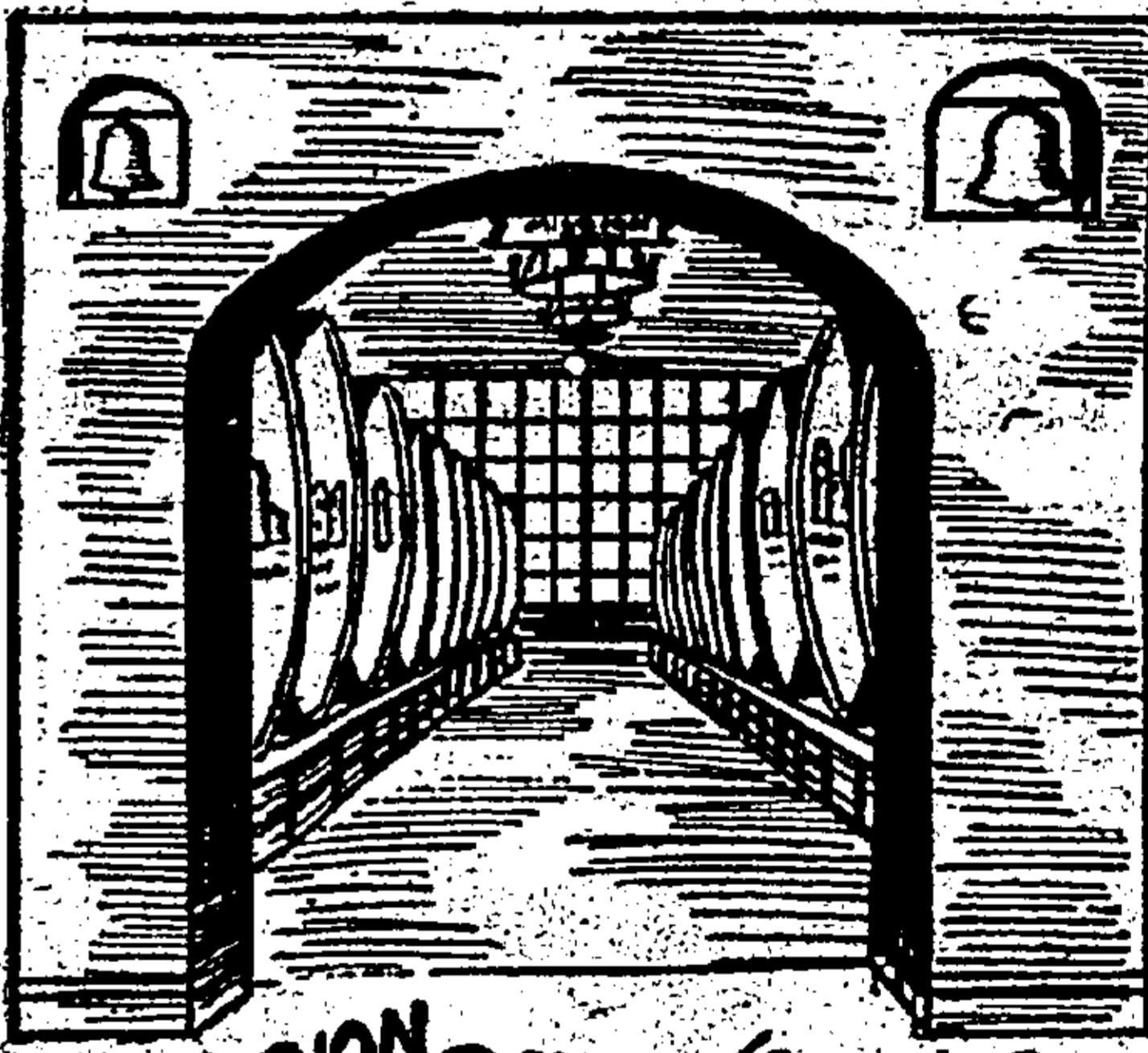


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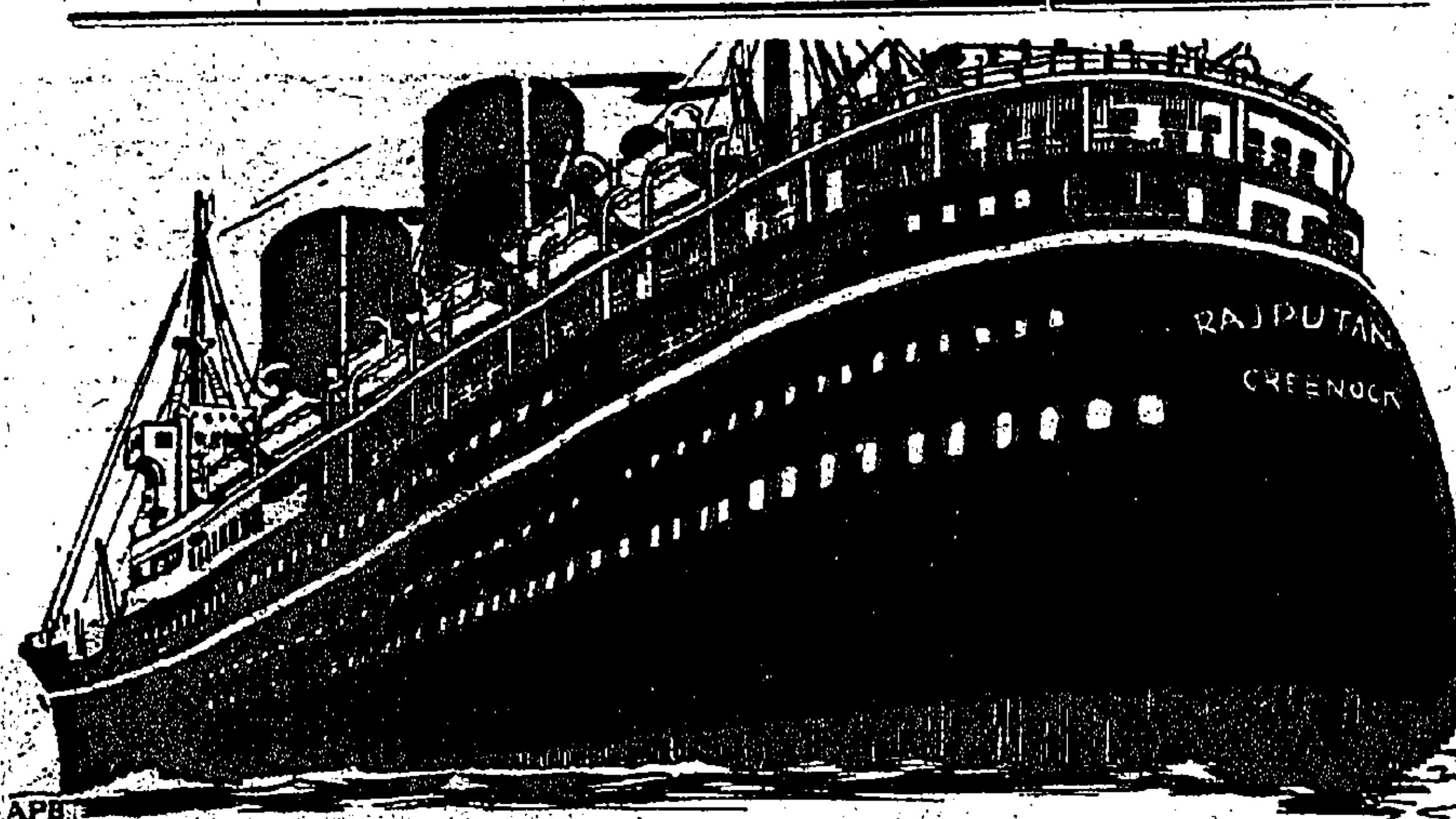
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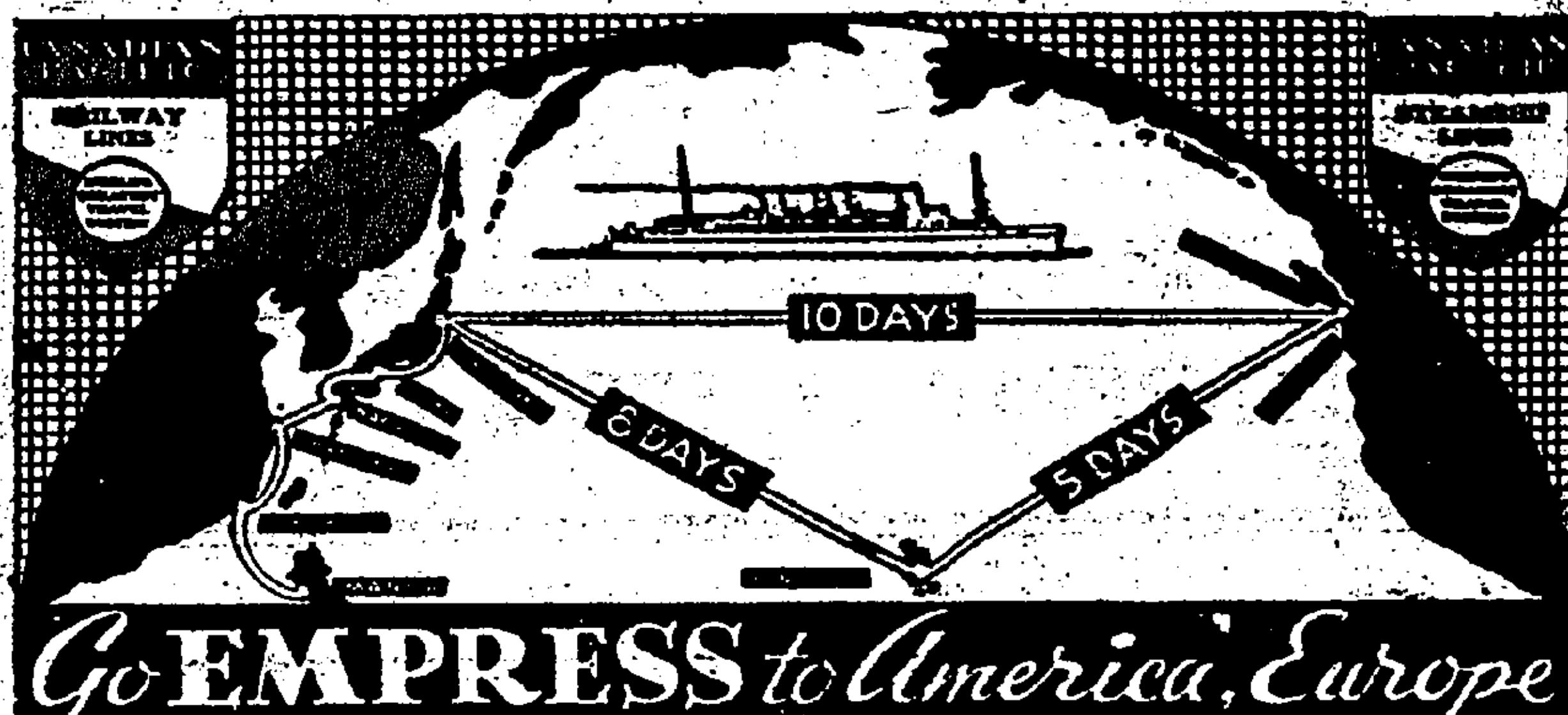
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| Asia | June 25 | June 27 | June 29 | July 1 | July 3 | | July 12 | |
| Canada | July 9 | July 11 | | July 14 | July 16 | July 23 | July 28 | |
| Russia | July 23 | July 25 | July 27 | July 29 | July 31 | | Aug. 9 | |
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**THIS WEEK ON THE LOCAL
SHARE MARKET**

Messrs. G. A. Harriman & Co.'s China 10/- shares were dealt in share report and market review issued at noon to-day states.

Rather an inactive period fails to be recorded again this week, with business extremely difficult to execute. Settlement adjustments brought out a few sellers of our speculative counters, but shares offering were readily absorbed, and the local market closes fully steady with buyers commencing to nibble again. Manila looks better and if there are no more gold price scares, this market should steady up, such are our Manila advices.

Small business was effected in Hong Kong Electrics at 60½ and there are still buyers a shade under. China Lights (old) sold down to \$14.10, but improved, to close \$14½ buyers. The New are wanted at \$14 after sales at this figure. Trams are wanted at \$14.85 which is somewhat under last week's close. Telephones (old) were dealt in a \$29.55 and can still be taken at \$29½. The (New) are \$11.85 bid. Peak Trams (old) can be placed at \$4.60, but offers at slightly above would be entertained. Sandakan Lights have buyers at \$12½ and Macao Electrics at \$18½. Cements have eased to \$15.10 buyers and Ropes have takers at \$5½.

The Two Cotton Co. announces the issue of 200,000 new shares at Sh\$12½. In spite of this increase in capital, sales were effected to Shanghai at Sh\$16½ cum rights. Vibro Piling have received attention and buyers now bid \$4.95. Hong Kong Government 3½% Loan was placed at \$102, and more is wanted. Marsman Hong Kong &

Lane Crawfords are \$8.80 cum. Sinceres offer at \$2.60 and Dairies are \$25¾ middle.

Hotels slipped to \$7.20, but steadied to close around \$7.25 middle. Lands continue to have buyers at \$35½ after small sales at \$35½. Realtys have been firm up to \$6.05 done, and buyers. Raubs had sales at \$12¼ cum and at this figure have further buyers.

Wharfs have been quiet, either side of 120 and Providents (old) have fluctuated between \$2.30 and \$2.20. The New shares, however have been consistently firm, sales reported up to 75 cents, closing in keen demand round 70 cents, sellers asking 75 cts.

Insurance shares maintain their quotations and China Underwriters, on the annual report, which is a satisfactory one, have spurted to \$1.90 buyers. Cantons were dealt in at \$312 (ex dividend). Hong Kong Fires are \$280 buyers. Unions sold at \$622½.

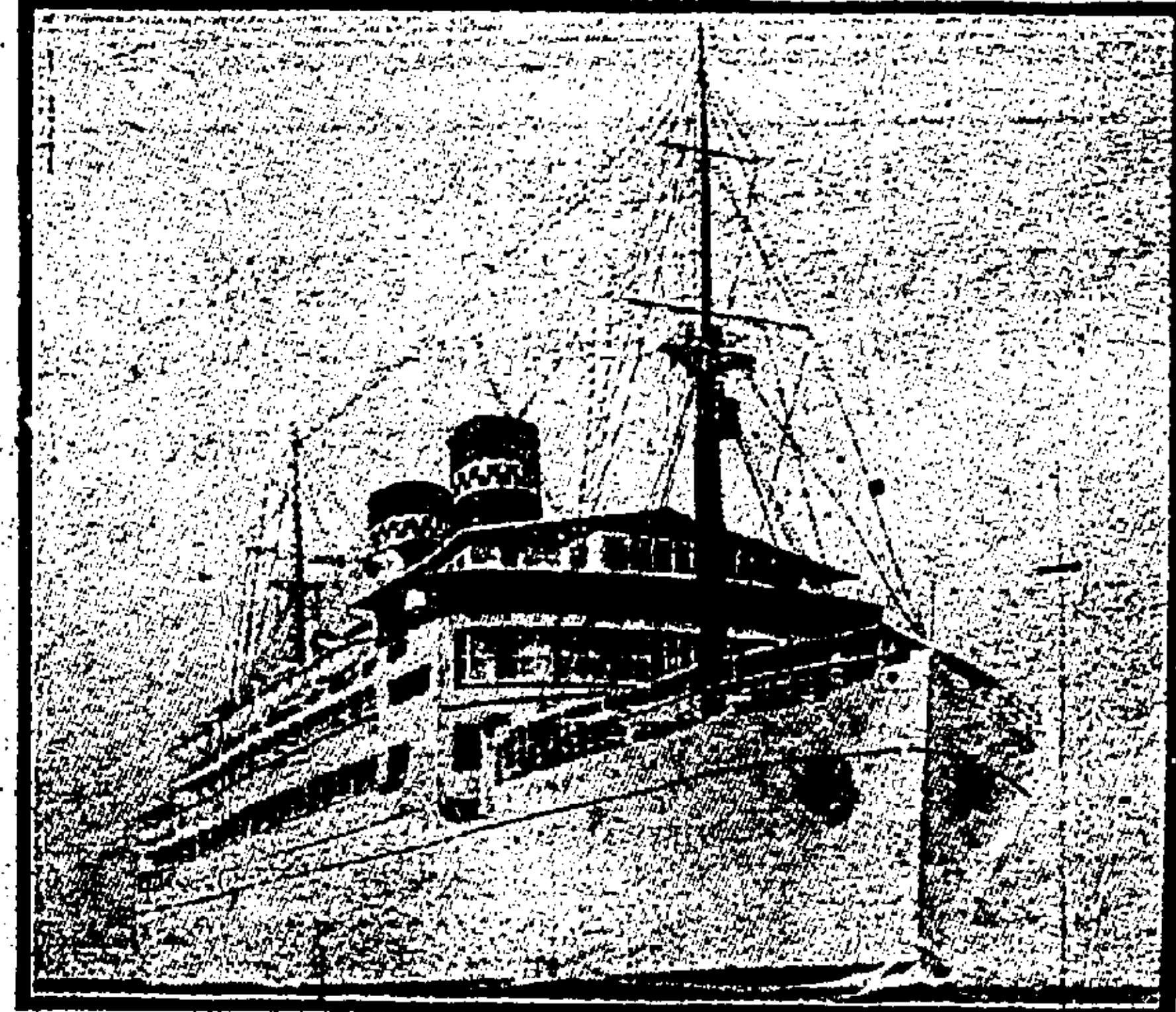
Hong Kong Banks, due partly to the easier dollar have put on \$25 to close \$1890 buyers.

Philippine Mining. Little has been done this week, but at close the optimists are taking courage,

so that a few buying orders have been dealt with. Antamoks sold at \$1.70, San Mauricios at \$2.85 and Atoks at 47 cts. and there are further buyers. United Paracales have been in favour and placed at \$1. Consolidated Mines also at 3¾ cts.

Closing comment:—Hong Kong quietly steady and likely to go better. Manila market; likewise.

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Orders by Lieut. Colonel R. C. B. Anderson, M.C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, 21st May, 1937.

OBITUARY

The Commandant deeply regrets to record the death of No. 2318 Private P. C. Frost of No. 1 (M.G.) Company which occurred on 14th instant.

HONOURS

In the Name of His Majesty the King His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to award the King's Coronation Medal to the following persons in recognition of their loyal and valuable services to the Empire:

Volunteer Services

Lieut. Col. R. C. B. Anderson, M.C., Major S. Jarvis, M.C., Major H. B. Forsyth, Captain H. Westlake, M.B.E., D.C.M., Captain E. G. Stewart, Lieutenant A. Urquhart, C.Q.M.S. T. Bolt, C.Q.M.S. H. J. Millington, M.M., C.S.M. E. Moses, C.Q.M.S. J. C. Polson, Sergeant F. V. V. Ribeiro, C.S.M. C. E. Terry. (Government Notification No. 342 of 14.5.37.)

EFFICIENCY MEDAL

In accordance with regulation 8 of the Regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters concerning the Efficiency Medal in regard to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, published as Notification No. 579 in the Gazette of 2nd August, 1935, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to authorize the following award:

Efficiency Medal

Lance Sergeant Wilfred Herbert Owen (Government Notification No. 347 of 8.5.37.)

HOLIDAY

Headquarters will be closed on Empire Day, Monday, 24th May.

CORPS ORDERS AMENDMENT

Corps Orders No. 19/37 of 14.5.37 para. 5 "Leave."

The 3 week's leave granted to No. 864 Pte. J. Choa is hereby cancelled.

PARADE

Corps 1st Battery, I. Section. Section will parade at H.Q. on Thursday, 27th May, at 5.30 p.m.

Laying and Rangefinding Classes at Belcher's Fort on Sunday, 23rd May at 9.30 a.m.

No. 2 Improved Battery (M Section). There will be no parade on Wednesday, 26th May.

Corps Engineers. There will be no parade on Monday, 24th May.

Corps Signals. Parade at Corps H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th May.

Machine Gun Troop. Parade at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th May at Causeway Bay. Riding School.

Armoured Car Section. Section will parade at H.Q. on Tuesday, 25th May at 5.30 p.m. for Driving Instruction and Crew Drill.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon. There will be no parade on Monday, 24th May, Wednesday, 26th May. Miniature Range at 5.30 p.m.

No. 2 (Scottish) Company. There will be no parade on Thursday, 27th May.

No. 3 (M.G.) Company. There will be no parade on Monday, 24th May.

Machine Gun Bn. Signals. There will be no parades for Subsections B & C. until further notice.

Air Arm. Parade at 5.30 p.m. at Kai Tak on Thursday, 27th May for a lecture.

Army Service Corps Company. Next parade will be on Thursday, 3.6.37. "Convoy-Island" by Captain R. Robertson, R.A.S.C. Rendezvous, R.A.S.C. Camber at 5.30 p.m. It would be of assistance if as many private vehicles as possible could be brought.

TRANSFER

No. 458 C.S.M. R. H. G. Charles, M.C. Troop, is transferred to Unit Reserve w.e.f. 30.4.37.

LEAVE

No. 2721 Pte. L. Choa, No. 3 (M.G.) Company, is granted 3 weeks' leave from 14.5.37 to 3.6.37.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH

Permitted to resign. No. 2506 Gnr. S. M. Casim, Corps 1st Battery, L. Section, w.e.f. 6.5.37.

Left the Colony. No. 2698 Gnr. K. Brock, Corps 1st Battery, A Section, w.e.f. 29.4.37.

STRENGTH

No. 2789 Trooper R. F. Winfield, M.G. Troop, joined 18.5.37.

G. S. FRIZELLE,

Captain,

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE

Corps Aquatic Sports. It is notified for information that the Corps Aquatic Sports will be held at the V.R.C. on Saturday, 24th July, 1937.

AFFILIATED UNIT, NURSING DETACHMENT, H.K.V.D. CORPS

There will be no meeting on Monday, 24th May.

A meeting for practice of bandaging will be held at P.W.D. Offices on Monday, 31st May at 5.30 p.m.

Sgt. K. DURRAN,

Commandant,

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

An application to the French Courts by Mrs. Erskine-Bolst for a divorce from her husband, Capt. Clifford Charles Erskine-Bolst, formerly M.P. for Blackpool, has been refused.

Miss Zofia Smetkowna, until recently the champion woman javelin thrower of Poland, who underwent an operation for change of sex will probably be exempt from military service on account of small stature.

According to the semi-official Tass Agency of Moscow, a rich oil deposit covering an area of several square miles has been discovered on the banks of the Volga, near Syzran, in the Central Volga district of European Russia.

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SIAMESE BADMINTON STARS SHINE LAWN BOWLS EVENTS DRAW MADE

9 Rinks Ties For Next Sunday

ALL ENCOUNTERS ON SAME GREEN

A meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association Sub-Committee was held in the S.C.M.P. Board-Room yesterday evening to draw for the First Round of the Colony Open Singles, Pairs and Rinks Championships, and, in view of the length of time taken by the Pairs event, it was decided to proceed with this championship right away.

Twelve matches in this competition will take place next week, weather permitting, and following the decision of the Council, all the matches on the same day will be played on the same green.

The draw for the first round of the Open Rinks Competition was also made, and it was decided to play nine matches all on the same day and these will be held next Sunday, May 30.

Announced In Papers

All players are notified that individual cards informing them of the date of their matches will not be sent this year, but the complete draw will be forwarded to their respective clubs and will be announced in the newspapers. They are expected to keep track of their matches themselves.

The following is the draw for the First Round of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship.

Monday

(To be played at Kowloon Cricket Club)

H. C. Cooper and A. S. Russell v. H. Stoneham and C. B. Hosking.
J. V. Ramsey and J. McKelvie v. J. F. Riberio and J. J. Basto.

Tuesday

(To be played at the Hong Kong Football Club green.)

A. E. Coates and R. Basa v. A. E. Silkstone and F. Goodwin.
E. W. Hanlon and J. C. Gill v. W. Ward and W. K. Way.
S. Eccleshall and A. W. Grimmitt v. H. Nish and W. Robson.
W. Hayward and C. H. Gough v. P. E. Knight and J. Hollidge.

Wednesday

(To be played at the Kowloon Docks Recreation Club.)

W. Gill and G. Duncan v. F. A. Machado and C. Roza-Pereira.
V. Peterick and J. Watson v. A. Warr and J. Cook.
J. Gibson and J. Ferguson v. N. P. Karaffia and J. Pau.

Thursday

(To be played at the Civil Service Cricket Club.)

G. E. Stephens and P. Morgan v. W. Greig and W. Campbell.

L. Glendinning and W. Glendinning v. J. Hoosen and A. R. Minu.
L. F. Xavier and C. F. Remedios v. J. W. Leonard and J. R. Soares.

OPEN RINKS

The following is the draw for the First Round of the Open Rinks Lawn Bowls Championship.

FIRST ROUND

F. A. Machado, C. M. S. Alves, H. A. Barros and P. A. Yvanovich v. A. Calman, P. Morrison, J. Fraser and F. Cullen. (At Kowloon Bowling Green Club.)

F. A. Machado, L. A. Gutierrez, J. M. Alves and E. A. Bothelo v. M. J. Medina, B. W. Whiteman, W. K. Way and J. Cavaghan. (At the Civil Service Cricket Club.)

S. Eccleshall, E. W. Simmonds, R. P. Phillips and A. W. Grimmitt v. A. M. Omar, A. A. Razack, K. N. Omar and U. M. Omar. (At Hong Kong Football Club.)



TO-DAY'S LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE PROGRAMME

Recreio Should Beat Kowloon Docks

Some very good lawn bowls should be witnessed this afternoon, weather permitting, when Club de Recreio visit Kowloon Docks, where they are expected to be fully extended, although favoured to win.

At Cox's Road, the Kowloon Cricket Club entertain the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and should also win, in view of their fine performance against the Portuguese Club last week.

The Indian Recreation Club should experience no difficulty in the Second Division where they meet the K.C.C., while the Junior Champions should perform similarly against Taikoo.

In the Third Division, all homes teams with the exception of the Hong Kong Electric are expected to win.

The following is to-day's programme the favoured team being underlined:

| FIRST DIVISION | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| C.C.C. (55) | P.R.C. (53) |
| K.C.C. (51) | <u>K.B.G.C.</u> (52) |
| K.D.R.C. (51) | <u>C. de R.</u> (64) |
| <u>C.S.C.C.</u> (—) | H.K.F.C. (—) |
| SECOND DIVISION | |
| I.R.C. (—) | K.C.C. (—) |
| <u>C.C.C.</u> (64) | C. de R. (62) |
| <u>K.B.G.C.</u> (—) | TAIKOO (—) |
| P.R.C. (—) | H.K.F.C. (—) |
| THIRD DIVISION | |
| <u>C. de R.</u> (—) | K.F.C. (—) |
| K.T.R.C. (—) | <u>C.S.C.C.</u> (—) |
| <u>H.K.F.C.</u> (—) | C.C.C. (—) |
| *H.K.E.R.C. (38) | R.H.K.Y.C. (69) |

(*In Second Division last year).
(Figures in brackets denote result of corresponding games last season).

H. F. Stoneham, S. A. Bright, J. Beach and R. O. Read v. A. Warr, J. Ford, A. N. Other and J. Cook. (At Taikoo Dock Recreation Club).

L. J. Silva, L. F. Xavier, F. V. N. Riberio and H. A. Alves v. E. G. Post, W. Campbell, J. Fender and W. Main. (At Kowloon Cricket Club).

W. Gill, T. Colman, G. Duncan and W. Walker v. V. Sorby, C. E. Gaghan, S. Deacon and J. F. Lunney. (At Craygower Cricket Club).

J. Watson, C. B. Hosking, R. G. Craig and A. Hyde Lay v. C. M. Silva, F. X. Silva, C. E. Marques and C. G. Silva. (At Kowloon Docks Recreation Club).

J. A. R. Soares, J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza and C. S. Rosselet v. E. C. Fincher, H. Kew, T. Madar and A. J. Kew. (At Club de Recreio).

D. W. Waterton, J. L. Tetley, V. Peterick and S. Armstrong v. J. Gal- latley, L. A. Collyer, J. A. R. Selby and J. F. McGowan.

FIRST BLOOD IN TWO DOUBLES GAMES SHAW BROTHERS GIVE BRILLIANT DISPLAY PATRICK WONG'S LONE COLONY WIN

(By "ADREM")

CONTRARY to general expectations, the Siamese touring badminton team took the honours in the first day's play in the unofficial Interport contests at Club de Recreio last night, securing two victories against Hong Kong's solitary win.

SHOWING VAST IMPROVEMENT IN ALL DEPARTMENTS OVER THEIR DISPLAYS IN TWO PRACTICE MATCHES PLAYED EARLIER IN THE WEEK AT KOWLOON TONG AND RECREIO, THEY DISPLAYED THEIR ABILITY TO ADAPT THEMSELVES TO A TYPE OF GAME THAT AT THE OUTSET, WAS QUITE FOREIGN TO THEM, AND ALSO QUICKLY ADAPTING THEMSELVES TO THE STRANGE CONDITIONS, WERE FULL VALUE FOR THEIR TWO VICTORIES.

As a curtain-raiser, Chart Shaw, captain of the visitors, engaged Patrick H. Wong, Colony singles title-holder, and although he lost in straight sets, he gave a plucky and promising display, albeit rather lacking in knowledge of the subtleties of the singles game. He revealed that he has the strokes, but failed completely in the various phases of courtcraft at which his experienced opponent was adept.

For instance, in the first set, he played right into Wong's hands by attempting to smash him off the court and quite naturally, paid the penalty. The subtle Chinese "Y" player merely dropped them short, to leave his opponent floundering in attempting to regain his balance. Shaw's service was also quite inadequate, Wong placed the short ones where he liked, and smashed the shorter lob-services at will. At this stage of the proceedings, although Wong never looked really worried, he nevertheless appeared to be sadly out of practice, and one missed those beautifully placed drives and smashes which just clip the side-lines.

Profiting by lessons learned in the initial part of the game, Shaw revised his ideas somewhat in the second set and, as a result, was far more convincing. Apart from an occasional smash across the court, he neglected almost entirely this mode of attack and concentrated more on deep lobbing, alternated with clever drops. I particularly liked his cross-drops on both hands, with which he scored on numerous occasions. He made one big mistake, however, when going for high lobs which looked as though they might have cleared the base-line.

FAULTY TIMING

In all ball, and similar games, it is absolutely essential that the ball, or the shuttle in this case, is watched until it is struck by the racket. Shaw made the fatal error of taking his eye off the "bird" to mark the position of the line, with the consequence that when he did strike, his timing was somewhat faulty.

He displayed a rare aptitude for making a return backwards, over his head, after the shuttle had passed him, but this was nearly always negatived by the fact that he could not obtain sufficient length, and Wong made no mistake with the "kills" thus presented.

MORE EXPERIENCE NEEDED

A little more experience and I would back Shaw against anybody in the Far East. He has all the natural attributes of an excellent singles player—speed, stamina and

imagination and I am looking forward with much eagerness, to a return visit of this player in the near future.

The first game of the series between Oliveira and Remedios, and Umporn and Lek was extraordinarily disappointing, all four players being clearly out of eye. The Siamese pair were obviously overawed by the occasion and as a result of trying to demonstrate to the local public that their short game was not nearly as bad as it has been made out to be, they attempted dropshots at every opportunity and more often than not found the middle of the net.

Fortunately for them, the Recreio pair could do nothing right, Remedios in particular being pathetic, and profiting by the numerous errors, they took the game at 15-12.

HIT OFF COURT

From the change-over, the visitors were an entirely different pair. Playing their natural game, which is to hit hard and hit often, they completely swept their bewildered opponents off their feet to win almost as they liked. Admittedly, the Recreio pair again tallied 12 aces, but this was due to a very great extent, to the fact that Umporn and Lek, sensing their superiority, went for shots which I am certain they would not have attempted if pressed.

Umporn, a tall left-hander, was nothing short of brilliant. He played all his strokes with great severity, especially overhead, and if he appeared a trifle fortunate in making returns with a blind sweep over the back of his head without looking anywhere near the shuttle, he rarely failed to send back, and with interest, the hardest smashes that Oliveira and Remedios, both very severe overhead, could crash over.

ANTI-CLIMAX

The final game of the evening between the Shaw brothers and T. C. Lee and P. K. Hui, beyond revealing that the former are equal to the best in Hong Kong, was rather an anti-climax. The local pair, neither of whom have played since the

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BASEBALL LEAGUE MUST HAVE RULES

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON AT RECREIO

GOOD DOUBLES
GAME

H.K.—SIAM CLASH

(By "ADREM")

The big game in to-night's badminton programme at Club de Recreio is the doubles match between the Shaw brothers, of Siam, and P. H. Wong and C. E. Chng, the holders of the Colony title.

All followers of the game in Hong Kong are fully aware of the standard of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. combination, but having seen the No. 1 Siamese pair in action, I am fully expecting them to thoroughly extend formidable Wong and Chng, who swept all before them in competitive badminton during the season just concluded.

Their game yesterday provided the visitors with the opportunity of accustoming themselves to the conditions under which "big" games are played locally, and they should give an even better display than they did last night.

EVEN GAME

A very even game should be that between Choot Shaw and M. A. Oliveira, who will open the programme with a singles. The latter's chief claim to distinction is his ability to stand up to a gruelling game and keep sufficient in reserve to force a tiring opponent.

Shaw is a fast, brainy player with a nice disguise of direction and he smashes with tremendous vigour. In fact, both players are so similar in their methods that a titanic struggle should be the result.

SECOND STRING

The Siamese second string, Umporn and Lek, also having had the advantage of playing last night, should do fairly well against W. C. Choy and S. P. Chan, but I do not think they will win.

Although they show considerable natural talent, they are, at the moment, sadly lacking in experience and the fine courtcraft of Choy and Chan is almost certain to prove too much for them.

TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAMME

Singles—Choot Shaw (Siam) v. M. A. Oliveira (Hong Kong).

Doubles—Umporn and Lek (Siam) v. S. P. Chan and W. C. Choy (Hong Kong). Chart Shaw and Choot Shaw v. P. H. Wong and C. E. Chng (Hong Kong).

Programme will commence at 9 p.m. At the conclusion of the badminton matches the Siamese players will give exhibitions of the national ball game.

RESULTS

Singles—P. H. Wong (Hong Kong) beat Chart Shaw (Siam) 15—9, 15—11.

Doubles—Umporn and Lek (Siam) beat J. J. Remedios and M. A. Oliveira (Hong Kong) 15—12, 15—12.

Chart Shaw and Choot Shaw (Siam) beat T. C. Lee and P. K. Hui (Hong Kong) 15—4, 15—7.



Mel Arculli, above, will be pitching for the Filipino Baseball team this afternoon.

PETER LATHAM TO RETIRE

50 Years' Service With Queen's Club

London, April 30.

After 50 years' service with the Queen's Club, Peter Latham, in his time the world's greatest tennis and rackets player, is retiring at the age of 72. A luncheon in his honour is to be held at Queen's Club on Monday next, when a subscription from his many admirers will be handed to him.

Peter Latham is the only man on record to hold two world's championships at the same time. He was tennis champion from 1895 to 1904 and again in 1907, and rackets champion from 1887 to 1901, so that for six years he was the world's champion at both games.

SIAMESE BADMINTON STARS SHINE

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annual Presentation Night, were so completely out of touch with the game, that they were swamped.

The brothers combined beautifully and covered court amazingly well. Cunning serving, adroit drops and hard smashing of anything short, were the outstanding points in as fine a performance as has ever been seen locally, and the only pity was that they did not receive the opposition that Lee and Hui, in form, are capable of giving.

MUST BE SEEN

Having been so successful in their first attempt, I expect our Siamese visitors to rise to even greater heights to-night and would advise all followers of the game, who were not present last night, to make a point of attending.

Following the badminton programme, Umporn, the Shaw brothers and the champion of Siam, gave an exhibition of a game that is fast being adopted as their national pastime. Played on a badminton court under the same conditions as that game, except that instead of rackets and shuttles, a rattan ball is used and any part of the body permissibly utilised with the exception of the arms below the shoulder, uncanny skill was shown in keeping the ball in play and from the point of view of the spectators, many of whom had never seen anything like it, was a revelation.

CLUBS UP IN AIR AT THE MOMENT WERE PUI CHING TEAM IN THE RIGHT? TO-DAY'S GOOD ENCOUNTER

(By "INFIELD")

THE need for rules governing the Hong Kong Baseball League was stressed in these columns early last season, and though an attempt was made, which resulted in the registering of players participating in the League, no other steps were taken and the League has since been run in a very haphazard manner.

ONE HAS ONLY TO RECALL SOME OF THE INCIDENTS OF LAST SEASON TO REALISE THE NECESSITY FOR DEFINITE RULINGS FOR EXAMPLE, THE SUDDEN WITHDRAWAL OF THE CANADIAN BASEBALL CLUB NEAR THE END OF THE SEASON AND THE TRANSFER OF THEIR "STAR" PLAYERS TO THE AMERICAN BASEBALL TEAM, AND THE ABRUPT ENDING OF THE LEAGUE LAST SEASON.

The baseball League appears to be run on a sort of "gentlemen's understanding" with the spirit of the game prevailing; but while this is in itself most commendable, and it is not to be doubted that any club would take an unfair advantage over another club, it must be borne in mind that what may be done in good faith by one club, may not meet with the approval of the others. It would be in the interest of all, if clubs knew exactly where they stood.

With baseball increasing in popularity, it is up to the committee to make a start immediately in drafting rules which will serve as a guide to all clubs.

Spectators at Caroline Hill last Sunday were greatly disappointed when the Japanese refused to take the field in their scheduled game against Pui Ching in a protest against the latter fielding several players from the U. S. S. Mindanao.

Though they won their point at a meeting held later, I cannot, but feel, that the Japanese would have done better had they played the game under protest, rather than disappoint the crowd which included a great number of their own supporters.

A "MINUTE"

Incidentally there is a minute at one of the meetings requiring all clubs to play a game on schedule, and that any protest arising over a game would be dealt with by a committee.

At a meeting held last Tuesday, to consider the protest lodged and at which several representatives of the Japanese Club were present, it was decided that the protest be upheld and that the game between Pui Ching and the Volunteers be declared null and void.

As it is not known exactly on what ground the protest was sustained and in the absence of any definite ruling, a few observations on the case will be interesting.

MUST HAVE REGISTERED

The Pui Ching must have registered their players with the League within the required time and no doubt included the sailors in the list, but no exception was then taken by the League. It was officially announced that the Pui Ching team would be including these men in their side.

There was and there still is no ruling preventing them from doing so. The Japanese protested against their inclusion on the ground that the players were not students of the Academy, and that their inclu-

sion would give an increased strength to the Pui Ching team.

At no time has there been any qualification for players for any one side. Last year there were others than Americans and Canadians playing for these two clubs, and this season the Filipinos are not composed entirely of their own nationals!

CHANGE IN NAME

The question will no doubt be reopened by Pui Ching, but should they still desire to include the sailors in the team, a slight alteration in their name would suffice, as the Hong Kong Baseball Club, one of the strongest contenders for the title this season, is composed of players from the American and Canadian teams of last season.

To-day's game between the Hong Kong Chinese and the Filipino Club should result in an easy win for the former, but the newcomers are expected to give a better display than a fortnight ago.

The Arculli brothers are taking over the mound, while the first base will be covered by Alvares. Ermal has been shifted to third base and Rull will be seen at second base in his place.

TO-MORROW'S CLASH

To-morrow the Volunteers will meet the Japanese and a good game should be witnessed. The Volunteers are the harder hitting team but slow between the bases, and it is in this department that the Japanese are very good. A friendly game will be played after between the Hong Kong Baseball Club and the U.S.S. Sacramento.

SWIMMING CONGRESS TO MEET AT BRIGHTON

Paris, May 16.—The International Congress of the Amateur Swimming Federation has decided to hold its next congress at Brighton at the conclusion of the European championships which will be organised by the British Federation at London.—Havas.

DUNCAN'S SUCCESS AFTER TIE

ARMY GOLF TITLE
FOR OLD OXFORD
CAPTAIN

MAJOR AITKEN'S COLLAPSE

Lt. A. A. Duncan, a former Oxford captain, yesterday won the Army Golf championship at Prince's, Sandwich, after a tie with Lt. W. A. Stevenson at 154. In the replay, over 18 holes, Duncan, with 74, beat Stevenson by three shots.

Their total of 154 equals the lowest winning aggregate since the event has been played on a recognised championship course.

Duncan, who started his round just after 8 a.m., had a brilliant homeward half of 36 for a total of 75, while Stevenson, after taking three putts at the opening hole, settled down to a sound short game and for the 18 holes had only 29 putts.

AITKEN'S FOUR SIXES

Major W. H. H. Aitken, who led the field on Monday with 76, needed a 77 to overhaul Duncan and Stevenson, and his chance was bright when he reached the turn in 36 and started home with two 4's.

Then he fell away and took 38 for the last seven holes, including four 6's. At the short 14th his tee shot drifted into a bunker and after an over-strong recovery he was back in the same hazard with his third shot. He holed out in six.

SHARED THIRD

Aitken finished with three sixes. He took two shots to recover from a topped drive at the 16th, lost a ball at the next, and then was in two bunkers going to the last hole. His score was 82, and with an aggregate of 158, he shared third place with Lt. P. B. M. Wallace,

Lt. M. R. Gardner (R.A.S.C.) winner of the title for the last two years, started with three 4's but had a 7 at the 7th, where he lost a ball from the tee. He finished in 86 for an aggregate of 167.

Leading scores:

- 154—Lt. A. A. Duncan (Welsh Gds.) 79, 75; Lt. W. A. Stevenson (Cameron Highlanders) 80, 74.
- 158—Maj. W. H. H. Aitken (R.E.) 76, 82; Lt. P. B. M. Wallace (R. Tank Corps) 81, 77.
- 159—Capt. A. A. N. Malan (R. Tank Corps) 81, 78.
- 161—Maj. A. C. Giles (R. Warwicks) 82, 79.
- 162—Lt. T. F. B. Law (R.A.S.C.) 82, 80; Capt. K. Mackessack (Seaford Highlanders) 82, 80; Lt. W. B. J. Armstrong (R.E.) 83, 79; Lt. D. E. Dixon (Grenadier Gds.) 83, 79.
- 163—Capt. A. W. A. Malcolm (Welsh Gds.) 83, 80; Lt. H. S. Mitchell (Green Howards) 83, 80.
- 164—Lt. P. W. Marsham (Grenadier Gds.) 80, 84; Lt. H. E. Scott (R. West Kent Regt.) 83, 81.
- 165—Lt. T. R. Brownlow (R. Scots) 85, 80; Capt. C. E. H. Dolphin (R. Warwicks) 85, 80.
- 166—Lt. W. H. Ellis (R.A.S.C.) 84, 82; Capt. J. E. N. Watford (R. Signals) 85, 81; Lt. J. E. Harrison (Grenadier Gds.) 85, 81.
- 167—Lt. M. R. Gardner (R.A.S.C.) (holder) 81, 86; Maj.-Gen. W. Green 84, 79; Maj. P. E. D. Park (R.A. M.C.) 88, 79.

STORM DAMAGES CUP YACHT

Gale Destroys 165 Ft. Aluminum Mast

Marblehead, May 16.—A storm to-day damaged Mr. Harold S. Vanderbilt's yacht Ranger, contender for the America's Cup.

The gale destroyed most of the yacht's 165 foot aluminum mast, but it was announced that the craft would nevertheless compete in the Cup defence trials starting May 29.—United Press.

M. W. BUDD'S EXTRAORDINARY PUTTING

Fully Extends Charles Stowe

SHANGHAI GOLFER FAILS IN END

M. W. Budd, formerly of Shanghai, had a remarkable string of one putt greens when playing in the opening round of the recent English Amateur golf championship at Saunton. He had six putting aces in the first nine holes but ended one down, and finally lost the match when his putting broke down at the 17th.

The following extract from the Sporting Life of April 27 should interest many local golfers:

"Uncommonly good golf was provided by the opening round of the English Amateur championship at Saunton yesterday. None played better than the title holder, Harry Bentley, and his most formidable challenger, Charles Stowe, of Penn, who was beaten by the Hesketh player in last year's semi-final."

REMARKABLE MATCH

"Stowe, who plays golf on the Midland course where Archie Compston learned the game, had a remarkable match with M. W. Budd, of Sandiway, before winning by 2 and 1.

"Budd, whose slow methodical play was in strong contrast to the vigorous hitting of his rival, had six single putts in the first nine holes, and halved eight of them to be only one down at the turn. He had lost the second, where his caddie accidentally kicked his ball as it lay on the fairway.

"Twice on the homeward journey Stowe became two up and twice he was pulled back, but Budd's putting broke down at last on the 17th green, and Stowe, who had finished one under fours, won the hole and the match."

WORLD FLYWEIGHT TITLE

London, April 27.—Mr. Denver manager of Peter Kane, Liverpool flyweight, has written to the British Boxing Board of Control asking that they should consent to Benno Lynch defending his world title against the winner of the Kane-McMilligan contest on Thursday. Lynch meets Jim Warnock, the Irish champion, at Glasgow, on June 2.

BASEBALL MAY RIVAL CRICKET 300 ENGLISH TEAMS THIS SEASON

150 SCHOOL COMBINATIONS

London, April 26.

BASEBALL enthusiasts in this country are hard at work for the new season trying to increase the number of players in this country. So far their efforts have been remarkably successful. The National Baseball Association will open the new season with more than 300 clubs affiliated — an increase of nearly 50 per cent. on last year.

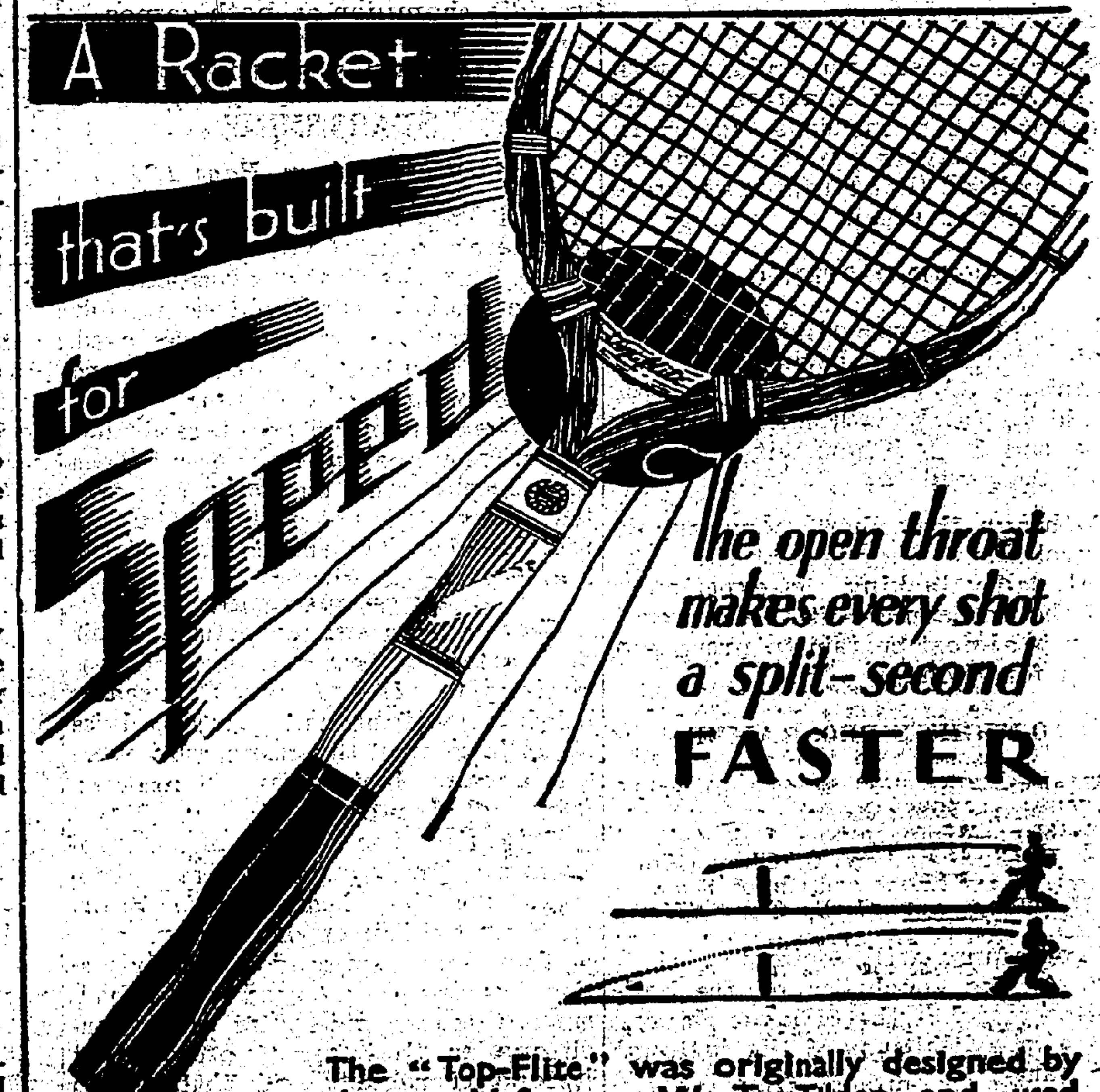
THEY HAVE BEEN SHREWDLY PUSHING THEIR CAMPAIGN AMONG SCHOOLS AND AMONG ORGANISATIONS CATERING FOR BOYS WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL. THE RESULT IS 150 BOYS' TEAMS READY FOR A NEW BASEBALL SESSION — 83 OF THEM ARE IN THE LONDON AREA.

The baseball people insist that they are not out to crush cricket and that anything against cricket finds no place in their propaganda. All the same if their progress is continued on the same lines, cricket is bound to feel the draught.

Games masters and those responsible for the arrangement of recreational exercises for youth are most impressed by the fact that baseball provides far more action for the players than does cricket.

SUCCESS IN 1936
Professional baseball had a successful season here in 1936 but notwithstanding, the constitution of

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OLYMPIC TEAM'S COMPLAINTS

REPORT MADE PUBLIC AFTER MUCH CONJECTURE

THREE BIG CRITICISMS WHICH A.A.A. REPLY TO

(By E. A. MONTAGUE)

London, April 30.

THE British Olympic athletic team returned from Berlin last August in a mood of some dissatisfaction, and various complaints about organisation at the Games were embodied in a letter signed by eight members of the team and sent to the honorary secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association, and in a further letter sent by D. O. Finlay, the captain of the team, to Lord Burghley as president of the A.A.A. In consequence the International Board (the body which deals with British as distinct from English athletics, and which is not to be confused with the International Amateur Athletic Federation) arranged a meeting between its representatives and the athletes so that the complaints might be fully discussed.

THIS MEETING TOOK PLACE LAST NOVEMBER BETWEEN E. J. HOLT AND H. M. ABRAHAMS, REPRESENTING THE BOARD, AND D. O. FINLAY, A. G. K. BROWN, AND P. D. WARD, REPRESENTING THE ATHLETES, AND A REPORT OF WHAT TOOK PLACE AT THE MEETING WAS BELATEDLY MADE PUBLIC AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE A.A.A. LAST SATURDAY. SO MUCH HAS BEEN CONJECTURED ABOUT THIS SUBJECT THAT THE REPORT IS WELCOME AND SHOULD BE FULLY KNOWN.

It makes it clear, in the first place, that several of the complaints made by the British athletes were about matters outside the province of the International Board. For instance, the athletes said that the practice track in the Olympic village was too hard. Obviously that was the fault of nobody but the German organisers, and even if the A.A.A. had known about it beforehand nothing could have been done by us.

Then there were other criticisms which properly concerned neither the A.A.A. nor the organisers, but the International Olympic Committee and the International Amateur Athletic Federation. Such was the complaint that the Olympic programme was too long drawn out and need not occupy eight days. The A.A.A. spokesmen replied quite reasonably that this programme had been standardised ever since 1924; they may have smiled wryly when they added, in the words of the report, that "the promoters naturally wished for as many days' competition as possible in an attempt to recoup their outlay."

Apart from these reasonable but misdirected complaints and such trivialities as the suggestion that the team's track suits should have been lettered "Great Britain" instead of "Britain," there were three criticisms made by the athletes of sufficient importance to be dealt with in detail.

1. They maintained that the team should have been assembled after the championships under a coach for final training and should have arrived in Berlin at least a week before the first day's competition. (In fact, they were not assembled beforehand and arrived in Berlin late on a Thursday, after a tiring journey, with one day for training before the opening ceremony on Saturday and the first competitions on Sunday.)

The report says: "The difficulties of such an arrangement both from the financial and the practical points of view (i.e., obtaining of leave by certain athletes) were discussed. The A.A.A. representatives promised that these views should receive the most careful consideration on any future occasion." One's own view is that the first part of the athletes' contention has little force—many of the team could not have got the necessary leave, and a last-minute polish under a strange coach would have done more to unsettle than to im-



move them—but that the team's late arrival at Berlin was a most serious mistake which had much to do with the breakdown of West, Holmes, and Pennington and the failure of Powell.

POWELL'S REQUEST REFUSED
It happened that Powell had been working extremely hard and badly needed a rest. He asked permission to go over to Berlin a week before the opening of the Games—he could have got leave from his employers,—and was refused. The result was that on the second day of the Games he was knocked out of the 800 metres in a time which he had been beating consistently. Later in the season he ran the distance two seconds faster than the winning time at the Olympic Games.

2. "Complaints were made" (says the report) "that Great Britain were the only athletic team who had not a fully qualified coach to look after them, and that there was no one in the village from whom satisfactory advice and encouragement could be obtained. The athletes urged that in future an experienced coach should accompany teams, with the ability and power to control the team and consider any problems submitted to him."

The report does not give the A.A.A. reply, but one's own comment is that what the athletes appear to have wanted was not so much a coach as a captain, preferably a non-playing captain. Finlay had his own preoccupations, and possibly was not competent to give convincing advice on tactics to a half-miler or a Marathon runner. "Fully qualified coach" is easier said than found.

EQUALLY SKILLED
In my judgment there are to-day only three track coaches (all pro-

fessional) and one field coach (amateur) in England fit to handle Olympic athletes, and none of them is equally skilled in track and field work alike. In any case, athletes good enough for an Olympic team should not need technical tinkering in the last week before the Games. What they need is tactical advice and, above all, psychological support and encouragement. Lord Burghley would have been the right man for the job.

3. The composition of the team was criticised—the report does not say in what respects.

The A.A.A. reply is the only possible one—that the selectors sat long over the job and considered every relevant circumstance. When the team was announced in July I wrote that one could only point to three omissions—those of J. C. Stothard, D. R. Bell, and T. W. Green—which called for comment. I thought then, and I think now, that the selection was well done, and the choice of almost any English football or cricket team is more hotly criticised than was that of



Lord Burghley, above, is President of the British Amateur Association, and was in his day one of the greatest hurdlers in the world.

our Olympic athletes last year.

NO FAULTY ORGANISATION

The complainants from the team made one more general point. They suggested in their letter that Great Britain had failed at Berlin. According to the report of the meeting the A.A.A. representatives replied in extremely moderate terms that on the whole the team had quite lived up to expectations and that no substantial effect on the performances of our athletes could be traced to faulty organisation. With the last part of this reply one does not wholly agree; it has already been suggested that the late arrival of the team at Berlin had a serious effect on several men, notably Powell.

Of the first part one can only say that it is too modest. The team did magnificently, irrespective of whether, with an earlier arrival in Germany, it might have done better.

To the serious student who realised, as some of the athletes did not, the standard of competition with which they would be faced there were only three disappointments (including Powell's) in our team, and none of them so severe as those of Lash, Torrance, Hornbostel, and Venzke (United States) or Yoshicka (Japan) or Shore (South Africa) or Rochard (France) or many another.

So long as athletes are human beings they must have off days. On the other hand, at least nine of our men, Finlay, Thornton, Pennington,

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INTER-VARSITY ATHLETICS
LONDON DEFEATED BY PARIS
SCHOOLS TURN THE TABLE

(By BEVIL RUDD)

April 26.

Paris University beat London University by 50 points to 45 in an eleven-event match at Merton Park on Saturday, but the London Schoolboys redeemed this defeat with an emphatic victory by 63 points to 41 over the Paris University Juniors.

In the Senior meeting, Paris were as effective in the field events as London were on the track — the usual international result. Paris won five of the six events, though in the high jump, J. P. B. Rolfe and W. A. Butterly got first and second places. Had J. I. Davis been able to run in the sprint and B. L. Prendergast to throw the discus, it is probable that London would just have won.

In the track events London lost only the half-mile, and the Frenchman, Faure, who won it, was positively brilliant. Oddly enough the half-mile was the only track event the London schoolboys lost, and gain to a remarkable performer, Gardien, the junior champion of France.

BEAT SENIOR'S SPRINT TIME
 Our schoolboys were, however, much more effective at the field events. J. F. Lockwood, after winning the 100 yards in faster time than the seniors did, won the long jump with almost a 22ft leap, and E. Redsell was second with 21ft 6in; and M. C. Hornsby won the high jump with 5ft 9in and the eight with 44ft.

In the 190 yards, the long jump and the javelin, the junior performances were better than the senior, and in the high jump the winners were equal.

RECORD HOLDER FAILS

Fitte, of Paris, completed an excellent double by winning the senior eight with 44ft 7in and discus with 131ft 9in. Mathiotte won the hurdles with plenty of elan, but Boisset, the French 400-metre record-holder, was frankly disappointing. He was very menacing for about 300 yards in spite of his rolling gait, but he crumpled up before J. G. Barnes' challenge.

A. C. Franks won the senior mile in 4min 29.8sec with consummate ease after some exhilarating pace-making by his second string, A. E. Etheridge, and D. G. Percival on the junior event with equal gusto. M. W. Hubble's 51.2sec quarter-mile was a magnificent run for a schoolboy, and he showed a fine sense of pace. The same applies to D. M. Bale's steeplechasing.

BEST OF DAY

The last two events, the relays, were the best races of the day. In the senior medley the Frenchman, Faure, gained a five-yard lead over G. G. Fletcher in the first distance (440yds). Bad baton exchanges in the two 220 yards left London with a deficit of 20 yards when F. R. Park set out on the final half-mile behind Pfanner.

At the bell Park had made up all but five yards of the leeway, but Pfanner was running strongly. However, again the Frenchman lost grip too soon as he was challenged. Park passed him vigorously and ran in winner in 3min. 40.8sec.

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CAPT. EYSTON SMASHES MORE WORLD RECORDS

The "Black Magic" At Montlhery

Montlhery, April 29.
 Continuing his attempt on the world's 24-hour record for Diesel-engined cars, Captain G. B. T. Eyston, driving his single-seater streamlined car "Black Magic", broke the 12-hour record, covering 1,912,467. kilometres (approximately 1,188 miles) at an average speed of 159.372 kilometres an hour (approximately 99 miles an hour).

Earlier he had set up new figures for the 1,000 kilometres in 6hr. 18 min. 56.52sec. at an average speed of

Olympic Team's Complaints

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Brown, Roberts, Rampling, Cornes, Harper, and Webster, did better than they had ever done before. What more can one ask?

IGNORANT NEWSPAPERS
 Many of the ignorant newspaper suggestions made immediately after the Games, such as that our men were not fit or that an American coach, (those fabulous American coaches!) could have done better with Brown, for instance, than Alec Neeson had done with him, merely

amused people who knew something about the subject. But one point, not dealt with in the report, must be answered.

The team was managed by two senior A.A.A. officials, both of them formerly fine runners, both of them experienced in this work and among the most selfless and hard-working men in the association. Neither of them, unfortunately, could speak German, and still more unfortunately, one of them was suffering from bad health, which threw extra work on the other. In the circumstances, no doubt, a different choice might have turned out better. But my suggestion that either of these men failed to do his job to the utmost of his ability is quite unfounded.

THRILLS IN PARIS TENNIS BRITISH PAIR'S COMEBACK LADIES' UPSET

Paris, To-day.

Britain's Davis Cup doubles pair, G. P. Hughes and C. R. D. Tuckey, yesterday advanced into the semi-finals when they staged a magnificent recovery against the French pair, Christian Boussus and Petra. Down two sets, the Englishmen fought back and reeled off the last three sets and the match with the loss of only five games.

The scores in their favour were: 4-6, 0-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-0.

A startling upset occurred in the Women's Doubles yesterday when Miss Helen Jacobs (U.S.A.) and Mrs. Sperling (Denmark) lost to a little-known French pair.

The latter, Mme. Boegner and Mlle. Iribarne, won after a tense three-set struggle, the scores being, 8-6, 2-6, 7-5.—Reuter.

LATEST DERBY CALLOVER

Leksar And Perifox Close In Betting

CASHBOOK GIVEN SUPPORT

London, To-day.

The following is the latest call-over for the Derby, to be run at Epsom on June 3:

11 to 2 Leksar.
13 to 2 Perifox.
100 to 12 Cashbook, taken and offered.
9 to 1 Solfo, offered, 10 to 1 taken.
13 to 1, Goya 11.
17 to 1 Le Grand Duc.
18 to 1 Midday Sun.
22 to 1 Pascal.
25 to 1 The Hour, taken and offered.
25 to 1 Renardo, taken and offered.
25 to 1 Fairford, offered, 28 to 1, taken.
33 to 1 Full Sail, taken and offered.
65 to 1, Snowfall, offered, 100 to 1 taken.
65 to 1, Inglefield, offered, 100 to 1 taken.

—Reuter.

6,000 CHILDREN AT A PARTY

Queen Mary's Visit

London, To-day.

Queen Mary yesterday afternoon visited the Albert Hall where 6,000 school children were the guests of Westminster City Council at a Coronation tea party.—British Wireless.

A second dividend of 50 cents per cent. has been declared in re. The Cheong Loong Bank and Pun Hiu-cho. A second dividend of \$3 per cent. has been declared in re the Shun Loong Bank and Pun Hiu-cho.

BIG TOTALS IN COUNTY CRICKET

YORKSHIRE SCORE NEARLY 500 AND LOSE ON FIRST INNINGS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
BATS MEN HELD THE UPPER HAND IN THE HOME CRICKET MATCHES WHICH CONCLUDED YESTERDAY, THE ONLY OUTSTANDING BOWLING PERFORMANCE BEING POLLARD'S 6 FOR 83, FOR LANCASHIRE AGAINST HAMPSHIRE.

Roosevelt Social Programme

Washington, To-day.

A 40-hour week, a basic minimum wage of forty cents an hour and flat prohibition of child labour, are expected to be the main provisions of the Administration's Wages and Hours Bill.

President Roosevelt, in a special message, will shortly recommend Congress to adopt the measure.

The Bill will probably propose a commission to work out the details of a programme to decide what industries the legislation will affect.

PROFITS TAX PLAN

Growing Revolt In City

CONSERVATIVES PERTURBED

Conservatives are threatening revolt over Mr. Neville Chamberlain's Budget proposal to impose a new tax on profits. The City is bewildered.

Conservative opposition is consolidating, writes a *Lobby* correspondent.

Anxious discussions have been taking place by little groups of members who feel that this new tax is too Socialistic. One Conservative member said that a serious view of it may be taken by some members of the party.

"Waste, extravagance and demoralisation follow such taxes," declared Mr. Herbert G. Williams, Conservative M. P. for South Croydon, addressing the Unionist Canvassing Corps in London.

He said that a large proportion of Conservative M.P.s were perturbed about the tax.

Bewilderment in the City is due to the fact that much is left unexplained concerning the new tax.

It is claimed that it severely penalises various industries which are only just recovering from the depression.

Dealers in industrial shares adopted safety measures by drastically writing down prices.

The tax, as at present understood, is thoroughly unpopular.

Representative bodies in trade and industry are to scrutinise the proposal closely.

Mr. H. Baker, secretary to the Midland Council of the National Union of Manufacturers, said: "The proposal has come as a shock to Midland manufacturers, and it is believed to be certain to have a wide and demoralising effect on industry."

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Extraordinarily high scoring was witnessed at Birmingham, where Yorkshire, after amassing 492 for 9 dec. (Smailes 109) lost on the first innings to Warwick, who, nothing daunted by their task, were only four runs short of their fifth century for the loss of eight wickets at close of play.

Glamorgan continue their successful way and scored a decisive victory over Leicester, at home, no fewer than three batsmen passing the century mark to contribute to the fine score of 469 for 7. C. S. Dempster, the captain of the losing team, was the only batsman to make a stand, just topping the century in his second knock.

A very close match was played at Oxford between the University and the touring New Zealand team. The latter secured a first innings advantage of 84 runs, but at the close of play, were 26 runs in arrears with only three wickets in hand.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Hampshire beat Lancashire on the first innings at Old Trafford.
Hampshire—280 (Potter 100, Pollard 6 for 83) and 161 for 7.
Lancashire—224.

Glamorgan beat Leicestershire by an innings and 49 runs at Leicester.
Glamorgan—469 for 7 dec. (Dyson 126, Emrys Davies 139, Turnbull 138).
Leicester—164 and 256 (Dempster 102).

Gloucester beat Middlesex by 85 runs at Bristol.
Gloucester—246 and 215 for 9 dec.
Middlesex—176 and 200.

Warwickshire beat Yorkshire on the first innings at Birmingham.
Yorkshire—492 for 9 dec. (Smailes 109).
Warwick—496 for 8 (Croom 118).

FRIENDLY

Oxford University and the New Zealand tourists were featured in a drawn match at Oxford.

Oxford—251 and 276.
New Zealanders—335 and 166 for 7.

—Reuter.

ASSESSMENT TAX

Canton Landlords' Objections

Canton, To-day.

The landlords of Canton are objecting to the proposed plan of the Canton Government to tax lands and buildings by assessment. It is understood that they are paying 15% of monthly rentals to the Government at present.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

The first of the St. Andrew's Club bathing picnics, which was to have been held this afternoon, has been cancelled owing to the inclement weather.

It is notified that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Miss Beatrice Maud Auger to be a Nursing Sister, with effect from May 2, 1937.

CLEVELAND KEEP IN FRONT

YANKEES FIGURE IN TIGHT GAME

CARDINALS WIN

New York, To-day.
The following were the results of yesterday's major League Baseball encounters:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| | R. | H. | E. |
|------------|----|----|----|
| Cleveland | 7 | 11 | 0 |
| Washington | 5 | 11 | 2 |

Lewis hit a Homer.

| | R. | H. | E. |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Chicago | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 10 | 1 |

Moses hit a Homer.

| | R. | H. | E. |
|-----------|----|----|----|
| St. Louis | 3 | 11 | 1 |
| New York | 4 | 18 | 0 |

Lou Gehrig hit a Homer, 11 Innings were played.

| | R. | H. | E. |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|
| Detroit | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| Greenberg hit a Homer. | | | |
| Boston | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Joe Cronin hit a Homer. | | | |

—Reuter.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| | R. | H. | E. |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Boston | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| Pittsburgh | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 5 | 11 | 1 |
| Cincinnati | 6 | 9 | 0 |
| New York | 5 | 6 | 0 |

Dick Bartell hit a Homer.

| | R. | H. | E. |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Chicago | 6 | 12 | 1 |
| Brooklyn | 2 | 7 | 1 |
| St. Louis | 11 | 12 | 0 |
| Mize, Whisett and McGehee hit Homers. | | | |

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